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New voices rally for old growth

A march for ancient forests and local jobs marks nearly the largest protest in B.C. history

Portia Yip

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Over 2,700 people joined hands around the legislative building downtown to protest old-growth logging and the loss of B.C. forestry jobs.

On Saturday, Oct. 25, thousands of protesters formed rings around the legislative building in downtown Victoria, chanting "Liberal Government of B.C., save our jobs and ancient trees." The event marked nearly the largest protest in B.C.'s history.

The Rally for Ancient Forests and B.C. Jobs attracted a crowd of more than 2,700 people, who clustered first at Centennial Square, then worked down Government Street to the legislature steps, stalling traffic and evoking a presence through drums and howls.

From children with face-painted trees and animals, to students decked out in vines, the protest involved all forms of support.

The rally nearly tied Vancouver's record-breaking 1993 protest on logging in Clayoquot Sound. The crowd ended this year's protest by joining hands and circling the legislative buildings several times, while shouting slogans that implored the B.C. Government to save the ancient forests.

The Western Canada Wilderness Committee called on Premier Gordon Campbell to enact legislation which would end old-growth logging on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland where old-growth forests are scarce.

Among other demands, the committee asked that the Liberals mandate sustainable logging for second-growth forests, ban raw log exports to ensure a steady supply for B.C.'s saw and pulp mills and support the development of second-growth mills and wood processing plants.

"B.C.'s slogan is 'The Best Place on Earth,'" said Judith Sayers, Chief Councillor of the Hupacasath First Nations. "It's the best place on earth because there're ancient forests."

According to the rally organizers, old-growth forests are primitive ecosystems and provide habitats for endangered species like the spotted owl and marbled murrelet. They capture two to three times more atmospheric carbon per hectare than second-growth forests, and represent an important part of First Nations culture. They also remain integral to B.C.'s coastal tourism industry.

"The goal of the B.C. Government is to reduce greenhouse gases by 33 per cent by 2010," said Sayers in her Saturday speech. "If we don't have ancient forests, it's going to be really hard to reduce greenhouse gases."

According to the committee, researchers have found that three quarters of the ancient forests on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland have been harvested, while 90 per cent of the valley bottoms, where the largest trees grow, have been logged. The committee is working to save the remaining ancient forests on Vancouver Island and shift toward second-growth logging — a slower and more sustainable cutting practice.

"At the same time, we're working together with forestry workers to ensure a solution that works for the working people of B.C.," said Ken Wu, Victoria's Wilderness Committee campaign director.

Because forest industry deregulation allow logging companies to shut down their sawmills while retaining their cutting rights, more than 18,000 forestry workers in B.C. were laid off over the past year. With little demand for Canadian lumber from the U.S., cash-strapped forest industry companies suffering from the depletion of the old-growth forests have closed mills in the face of the industry crisis, instead of refurbishing them to process second-growth forests.

At the rally, the committee appealed for British Columbians to help achieve the goals surrounding the protection of ancient forests and B.C. forestry jobs. Committee members urged people to sign an online petition, write letters to the premier and Forests and Range Minister Pat Bell and attend future protests being held across the province next March during the B.C. Forest Days of Action.

According to rally speaker and B.C. NDP forestry critic Bob Simpson, along with the rally, the upcoming municipal elections in November and the provincial election in May 2009 will present an opportunity for citizens to grab the attention of politicians.

"This is a democracy at work," Simpson said. "More of you must exercise your rights as a citizen."

To sign the online petition or learn more about the Western Canada Wilderness Committee and how to get involved, visit www.viforest.org.

Student Union Building reopens after long labour dispute

Sam VanSchie

The wage dispute that instigated a seven-week strike by workers in the Student Union Building was resolved on Friday, Oct. 24, allowing workers to go back to their jobs with an initial raise of 70 cents.

After several rounds of negotiations, a bargaining committee made up of representatives from both the union and the employer (the UVic Students' Society) agreed unanimously on the proposal.

The proposal was a near-middle ground between the employees' original request of a $1.50 raise immediately for student workers, and the employer's first offer of 10 cents for student workers earning $9.95 per hour.

The committee brought the proposal to their memberships who accepted it with a majority vote.

Union members voted 74 in favour of the proposal and 16 against, while the UVSS board voted 11 for and one against.

The opposing vote from the UVSS was Director of Finance Tracy Ho, a member of the bargaining committee who voted in negotiations to support the proposal.

"In my role as a representative of the board [on the committee], I voted how they would have wanted me to – for a proposal to end the strike," Ho explained. "But ... as Director of Finance and a business student, I couldn't support something that I know is going to drive us [the UVSS] into a bigger deficit."

Ho said that from in-camera discussions with the board, it was clear to her that the motion would pass and that her vote against it was more symbolic.

"I know there are students that didn't want us to go this high, and I'm representing them," she said.

In addition to the immediate raise for student workers, the three-year agreement guarantees 40 cent wage increases for each of the next two years.

Permanent, non-student workers also get the 70 cent raise immediately, and a 2.75 per cent increase on their wage, which varies by position, for the new two years.

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Foot traffic picked up quickly when the SUB reopened on Oct. 27.

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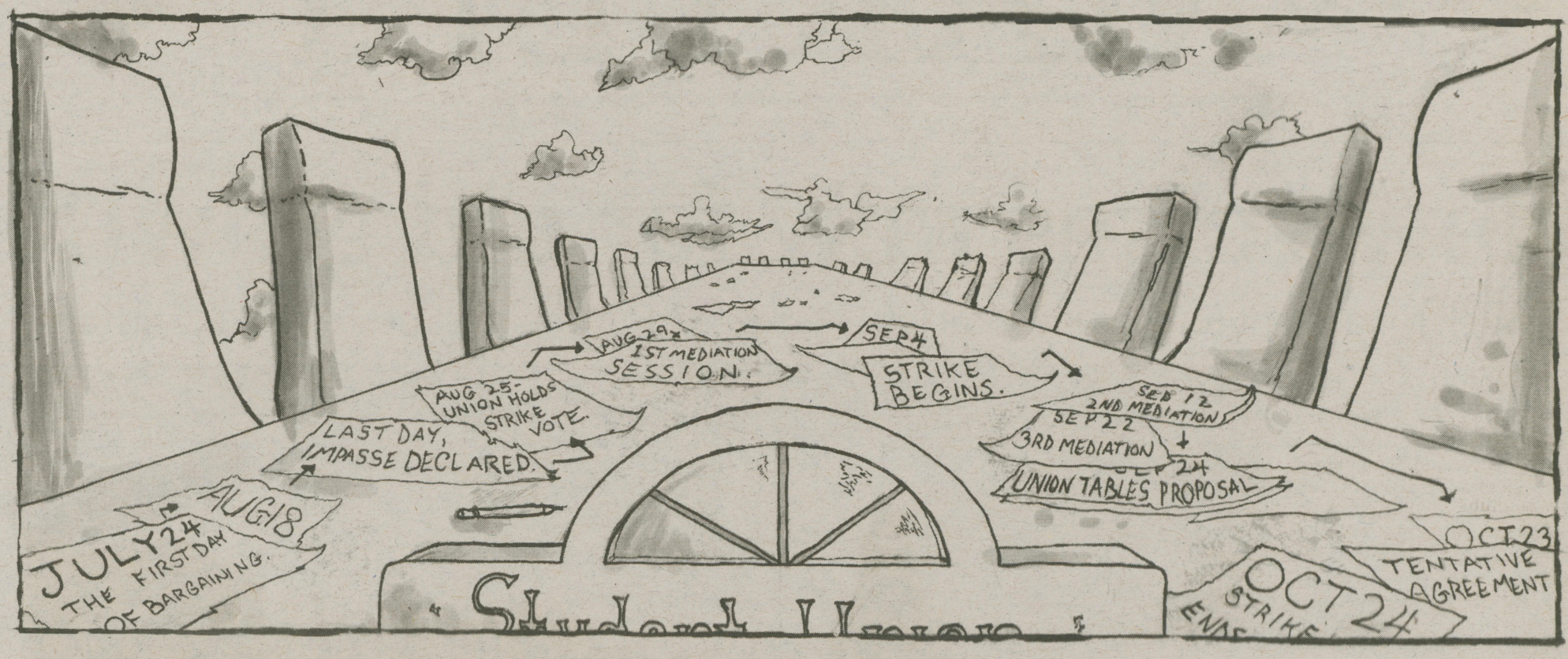

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Union and workers satisfied with wage agreement

All union workers received a $100 signing bonus for accepting the offer.

Acting Union President Michael Ryan said he feels good about the deal that was negotiated for the workers.

"It was a compromise. Nobody got exactly what they wanted," said Ryan. "We were at a point where the timing was right, and we could sit at the negotiating table until we could agree on something."

UVSS chair Caitlin Meggs said she's relieved that the groups were able to settle on something.

"It's been a hard couple of months, but I think it played out the way it had to," Meggs said. "If we'd made this offer on the first or second day it wouldn't have been accepted."

The first people to start work again in the SUB were janitorial staff from CUPE, the union of university staff who refused to cross the picket lines out of support for the SUB workers. They entered the building over the weekend to remove garbage and get the SUB clean for its re-opening on Monday, Oct. 27.

Senior workers started regular shifts on Monday, and student workers were called back by seniority.

All workers who return to work for at least two pay periods will have the 70 cent raise applied retroactively to all hours worked since their collective agreement expired in May.

The UVSS won't pay the workers for hours spent on the pickets, but since Sept. 26, union members have received strike pay of about $150 per week from their union.

José Barrios, who stepped down as shop steward for the union when he instigated a controversial petition to remove the UVSS board for their failure to end the strike in a timely manner, said he will not continue collecting names on that petition. He has been reinstated as shop steward.

"This strike got a lot of people more politically involved and aware of problems in their society," said Barrios. "We're all politicians because we all have the power to change policies. I hope we'll keep the momentum of change going until the next election."

Barrios stressed that while the strike is over, it didn't come from nowhere.

"We still need to ask questions about why it happened, so it doesn't happen again," he said.

William Perry, former support and administrative divisional manager in the SUB who left his position when the strike began, said that students will circulate a new petition to gather the support needed to force an election.

"The strike may be over, but the movement will not stop until the board is replaced and the systemic problem with its senior management is gone," said Perry.

The person who replaced Perry in his former position was one of three exempt managers who kept the SUB open during the strike.

"It is disappointing that the managements' first choice was not to treat the workers with respect, but rather made the conscious choice to insult them," Perry said. "This situation could and should have been handled so differently."

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Program to improve bar safety

Kailey Willetts

A new initiative taking place in downtown Victoria is aiming to keep bars, nightclubs and streets safer at night.

Bar Watch will see licensed establishments downtown work with the city and Victoria Police to create a system to share information about problem patrons.

"The program is still in very preliminary stages," said Sgt. Grant Hamilton, spokesperson for the Victoria Police Department. "Violence is definitely the issue we're dealing with the most."

Hamilton said that while many disputes happen outside Victoria nightclubs, they often start inside.

Liam Lux, the owner of Lucky Bar and a member of the Victoria Bar and Cabaret Association, says he supports the Bar Watch initiative, but feels it might not be be the magic fix police are hoping for.

"The number one issue that has anything to do with bars is the congregations of people," said Lux. "The problem is easily summed up: we have an entertainment district with no transportation at all after a certain time."

Lucky Bar has already taken steps to reduce disturbances caused by patrons leaving the bar by posting signs by exits to remind people to leave quietly and respect neighbours.

"Unfortunately, the simple view is that these problems are from people who go to bars," said Lux. He hopes that once problems stemming directly from bars are cleaned up, people will see that a lot of the issues downtown have other sources.

Lux hopes that by being proactive, licensed establishments will protect not only their patrons but also themselves.

"This is one of the ways that the downtown entertainment industry is trying to protect ourselves from over-legislation," Lux said.

One solution currently being looked at by Bar Watch is the controversial software, Treoscope. Treoscope is already in place in many licensed establishments in Nanaimo and Vancouver. Patrons swipe ID cards through the system when entering an establishment and the software verifies the ID, the age of the patron and takes a picture of the person to store on file.

Treoscope provides several advantages for bar owners. It allows them to flag patrons who are unruly or frequently behave inappropriately. These flags show up when that ID is scanned anywhere in North America. It also allows bar owners to show that due diligence has been done if underage patrons gain entry using a valid ID with a photo that looks similar.

And for many owners, the system appears straightforward. When the ID is swiped, Treoscope displays whether it's valid and whether the patron is of legal age or not. It also stores the patron's birth date in its system and keeps track of when and how often a patron has visited that bar. If a patron has been flagged, that remains visible to all bars using Treoscope.

JOSH THOMPSON PHOTO

Patrons to Lucky Bar and other licensed premises may have to swipe their ID through Treoscope software once Bar Watch is fully in place.

Element is currently the only licensed establishment in Victoria to use the Treoscope software.

Element manager Mike Mclean says he's been very pleased with Treoscope and hopes that other licenced establishments in Victoria will also get the software.

Other owners are still undecided, however, and Lux believes that the biggest factor in getting Treoscope is making sure it would be a useful tool for all establishments.

"Overall, I can see [Treoscope] being very beneficial," said Lux. "[But] it'll only work if everybody's doing it."

Treoscope also has advantages for the police. If a crime is committed in a licensed establishment, they can access Treoscope with a warrant to find out who was in the bar that night.

Hamilton also thinks software like Treoscope will work proactively in crime prevention.

"Just the idea that people's information will be captured is a deterrent itself," he said. Hamilton said the software has been very successful in Vancouver and Nanaimo.

Hamilton said that before Treoscope or a similar program is employed by Bar Watch, it will have gone through the Privacy Commission.

"The Privacy Commission has a very big say over how this program operates, if at all," he said.

However, Hamilton noted that patrons' information is captured almost every time people do anything these days — especially when credit card or video surveillance systems are already installed.

"What it comes down to is [the question] 'what is that information going to be used for?'" Hamilton said. "It's balancing the need to protect the public — the safety of individuals — with the individual right for privacy."

Felicita's foodless despite licence requirements

David Karp

Felicita's had no food on the menu when it reopened Monday, Oct. 27, after the Student Union Building strike, despite liquor laws requiring the pub to offer food.

Felicita's manager Jeff Delisle told the Martlet no food menu was provided to customers, but pizza and fries were available to patrons who requested them. He said he didn't know if servers let customers know of the food options, or if anyone purchased food.

"There was a sign on the door saying, 'No food, drinks only,' because it was easier that way," Delisle said.

The UVic Students' Society has a liquor-primary licence, which allows it to sell alcohol at Felicita's. The licence, which covers bars, pubs, lounges, nightclubs, recreation centres and stadiums, requires establishments to offer food at reasonable prices to offset liquor consumption.

Dale Robertson, the SUB's business operations manager, said the UVSS has food available in hallway vending machines, which allows Felicita's to stay open past 10 p.m., when its kitchen closes. The food options include frozen meals, which patrons can heat up using mircrowaves next to the vending machines.

Robertson acknowledged the importance of having food available and noted that special arrangements were made on Monday.

"People ordered from an outside pizza place and brought the pizza in to eat [on Monday], which typically we don't allow," he said.

Felicita's was offering a food menu on Tuesday.

The UVSS had two liquor licence violations last year. Felicita's was forced to close from April 28 to May 9, 2007, and the UVSS was fined $10,000 as a result of failing to remove intoxicated patrons and allowing students to drink directly from pitchers at the September 2006 SUB Party.

The pub was also closed from May 18 to 31, 2007, after failing to remove a drunk student who consumed a litre-and-a-half of wine before arriving at Felicita's and consuming six sleeves of beer.

"The last thing we want is another liquor licence violation," Delisle said. "If people asked for food, we would have made it available."

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SPOKES students put the fun between their legs

Adam Reese

Because it's cheaper to fuel yourself than your car. Because you need to shake free of couch lethargy. Because one group has been loaning them away for free. In the Jeopardy game of life the question to these answers is simple: why commute by bicycle? And the folks at SPOKES are making it easy for students and members of the campus community to get on a bike for free through their bursary bicycle loan program.

Every month SPOKES gives out roughly 40 bikes that recipients can hold on to for up to a year. In return, the organization asks firstly that recipients bring the bikes back in better shape than they received them, and secondly that they donate five hours a month to the program or program sponsors.

Volunteering with SPOKES is time well spent. The bicycles are all recycled donations that arrive at the shop in various states of disarray.

Your five hours a month can be spent learning about bikes from the wheels up, and turning rusted clunkers into smooth rides with the guidance of friendly bike mechanics. SPOKES also offers grease-free volunteer opportunities such as postering, or the option to revamp the website.

Applications to the program are processed on the last Friday of every month and can be found at the bike shop in the basement parking garage of the University Centre.

Bursary bikes come with locks and subsidized rates are available for helmets and lights. SPOKES also runs commuter cycling courses and offers tuning tips, cycling maps and copies of the Cycle Safe Guide. They've also introduced a rental program that will be useful to visitors spending a few weeks on campus — bikes can be rented for up to three weeks at a rate of $2.50 per day.

December marks SPOKES' fifth-year anniversary. Sarah Webb, UVic's sustainability co-ordinator who works in the Budget Office, has been there from the beginning.

"We started out with one fleet of 15 bikes and now we've loaned out more than 1,000," Webb said. "I'm really excited to see where it has come from and how it's grown."

To celebrate its fifth anniversary, SPOKES has a community celebration in the works for mid-December. There will also be random acts of kindness through early December with "treats" left on parked bikes for cyclists. Webb would not reveal the nature of the treats. Early January will see SPOKES holding a bike repair by donation event near the Petch fountain.

"Cycling is a great way to live an active lifestyle, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save money. And one of the big benefits is that you really do feel like a part of a community," said Webb.

"We've come up with a model that works. It's about people sharing skills."

Webb said the program has transplanted it to other campuses across the country, including the University of P.E.I.

Data gathered from the surveys that were filled out by people returning their bikes proves the impact of the program. Eighty-five per cent of participants said that they would buy a bike of their own for commuting, and that makes Webb very happy.

"We need to work towards transportation options that help us get to a less car-dependent world," she said.

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Sarah Webb of SPOKES has been providing students with free bikes for five years now.

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This week in Martlet history

Stories from the Martlet archives

Oct. 29, 1970 — A motion by Communications Director Greg Fraser that "the representative assembly of the UVic condemns the use of terrorism and violenceas a means of political change in Canada" was passed at an Oct. 21 representative assembly meeting.

The debate was extensive and emotional, with other motions in support and in opposition to the federal government's use of the War Measures Act to deal with the Front de libération du Québec (FLQ) tabled.

Some representatives were upset that their condemnations of the FLQ weren't joined by support for the War Measures Act, even though it was pointed out that all federal parties were against FLQ tactics.

By the end of the debate, no motions outside the condemnation of violence as a means for political change were passed.

Several representatives lamented the subject of the meeting, calling for the representative assembly to focus its discussions on topics that relate directly to campus.

Oct. 29, 1981 — Students without a place to live and little money took to the streets to sleep.

The housing scarcity forced students to live in their cars, while a lack of summer jobs to pay the rent during the recession made living in a van or a car down by the ocean one of few livable options.

Municipal bylaws in Oak Bay and Saanich prohibited "camping" in tents, trailers, campers or mobile homes on public property, including streets.

Police were giving slight reprieves to overnighters, but didn't hesiate to enforce the law if vehicles sat for extended periods of time.

Unwritten UVic policy also prohibited living in cars on campus, leading to several early morning wake-up calls by campus security personnel.

Still the "gypsies" remained fond of residing in their cars at UVic on account of food, bathrooms, laundry and classrooms in such close proximity.

Oct. 29, 1998 — A UVic student charged in a hit and run incident outside of the SUB had his day in court on Oct. 26, seven months to the day after slamming his car into a pedestrian at 40 km per hour.

The driver was found guilty of impaired driving, fined $1,000 and prohibited from driving for one year.

Saanich Police's collision reconstruction report indicated that the 20-year-old victim flew upwards of 11 metres upon impact, after vaulting over the roof of the car.

The victim spent three months in intensive therapy for treatment of her life-threatening injuries

Farmlands threatened by tax policy

Meaghan Kerr

Two local farmers are fighting the provincial government over a new tax policy implemented by BC Assessment last year — and the effects could change the way local food is produced.

Mary Alice Johnson and John Lowan both had their farms divided into a split residential/farm category in October, 2007 under legislation that classifies farm property as "farmland" only if it's explicitly used for production.

So for a farm where product is growing, all else — animal shelters, feeding areas, buffer zones, compost — is residential space.

The loophole has already long been in place in the provincial government, but has historically been ignored in the assessment process.

"If you have farm tax assessment you pay about a 10th of what you would on city taxes. It's a real bonus for farmers," said Johnson, who has a 10-acre farm in Sooke.

"Farms don't need as much service in the way of roads, electricity or resources. We are being asked to pay for services we don't receive."

The new policy sparked an outcry from the farming community, which turned to Saanich city council to help lobby the provincial government to halt the reassessment.

"It seemed like an extremely flawed process was going on," Saanich councillor Vic Derman said.

He dismissed the policy as out-of-date with modern farming practices.

"Farming has moved away from monoculture. It is now viewed as a single ecological unit. The last thing we should do is create policies that make farming unsuccessful."

Some members of the UVic community are concerned the impact of the tax policy could be felt on campus.

Sarah Webb, UVic's Sustainability Co-ordinator, is currently working on a Sustainability Action Plan, which will be released next week.

The planners spent months gathering input from students and staff about their ideas on campus sustainability. She said some of the main concerns were on agriculture and food security.

"Food came up at every single one of our consultations," Webb said.

"Things we heard included interest in how far food has travelled, finding local food, and enhancing food security. People on campus have a heightened awareness of the impacts of our food system."

Webb said that many students wanted access to information workshops to learn the basics in food production and that it was a prominent theme throughout the policy development.

One UVic student particularly interested in agricultural projects is Cassandra Carswell, who is currently tending a backyard garden while she completes a biology degree. She plans on going into farming in the future.

"It's hard getting into farming if you don't inherit land. Most people have to lease, unless they can find a co-operative. You have to start on a small scale, and if you want land you definitely have to share."

Many Saanich farms already host apprentices and agriculture students from Camosun College, who are unable to acquire their own farmland. The availability of affordable viable land is a limiting factor in agricultural production, Carswell said.

Saanich Council began a campaign pressing the provincial government for a suspension of the policy.

In December, Minister of Small Business and Revenue Rick Thorpe ordered an official review. A panel was created to make recommendations, and in June it released a report calling for a moratorium on reassessments.

However, it did not specify if the moratorium should be retroactively applied to the 2007 tax year. In the meantime, 204 farms were reclassified.

Johnson's farm is one of those. Her reassessment came after she purchased a five-acre parcel of land adjacent to her farm, which now houses her seed business.

Johnson applied for farm tax status on the new property, but the application was rejected. BC Assessment then repealed farm tax status on half of her existing farmland.

Much of this land is an old-growth forest that separates the seed business from the commercial farm, preventing cross-pollination as well as providing lumber. The forest caught the attention of assessors, who suggested she log and till the area to receive farm status.

John Lowan also has a tract of forest on his farm, one that is protected under Saanich bylaw. It, too, was reassessed and classified as residential.

"They [BC Assessment] took an aerial photograph of my farm and measured it, so they don't realize that the forest is on a steep slope," Lowan said.

"It can't be developed even if it wasn't protected. And they say it's residential, like someone can live there?"

Lowan's farm is carbon-neutral, a fact he attributes to the carbon-sequestering abilities of the old-growth patch. He also grows a variety of native species within the forest and is arguing in his appeal that farming native plants is on par with farming other commercial produce.

The main contention with the new policy, however, is money. The average farm in B.C. is 350 acres, much larger than the average urban residence.

JOSH SZCZEPANOWSKI PHOTO

Land used for animal shelters, compost, etc. is classified as residential under a new Provincial Government tax policy implemented last year.

"Most small-scale farmers are in no position to deal with this," Derman said. "They don't have the money, but to fight it they have to hire lawyers and spend less time working."

Of the 204 reassessed farms, only 35 were granted appeals with the Property Assessment Review Panel.

Three won initial appeals, including Johnson and Lowan, although BC Assessment re-appealed Lowan's win.

The case went to the independent Board of Appeals and a verdict is expected in December.

Johnson's appeal stagnated as the board couldn't reach a decision. A hearing was called, and last month she received word she had lost the appeal.

The next step, she says, is the B.C. Supreme Court.

Johnson echoed Derman's words regarding her case.

"The appeal [is taking] place during the most intense part of the season, when most of my time should be spent on the farm," she said.

Subsidy saves ferry routes

Kim Magi

BC Ferries' plans to cut back sailings to save costs have been reversed thanks to a $20 million dollar provincial subsidy given to the company as part of Gordon Campbell's economic strategy announced Wednesday, Oct. 22.

BC Ferries had planned to cut 136 out of the 12,000 sailings scheduled in the off-peak season, spokesperson Deborah Marshall said. These included Sunday's 7 a.m. sailing from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay and the 9 a.m. sailing out from Swartz Bay to Tsawwassen.

Those routes had been suspended mid-October, but are now operating again.

The funding will also be used for a temporary fare decrease of 33 per cent during December and January to off-set costs for holiday travellers.

"This is great news," said fourth-year UVic student Michael Stevens, who often travels to Vancouver for concerts. "I can actually afford to make trips to Vancouver again."

Fourth-year student Dani Richard said the original plan of cutting back on sailings worried her, since her boyfriend lives in Vancouver and she frequently sails to the mainland.

"If you're even five minutes late [getting to the terminal], you can be two hours late for something over in Vancouver," Richard said.

BC Ferries also announced earlier this month that the fuel surcharge would be cut in half as of Nov. 4.

Company spokesperson Deborah Marshall said BC Ferries hopes that one day they'll be able to get rid of the fuel surcharge completely. However, there are no plans as of late, especially with a projected fuel cost of $120 million for 2008 - 2009, compared to that of $45.9 million in 2003.

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Student issues addressed in UVSS forum

Kim Magi

With the issues concerning Victoria citizens happening right outside the Solstice Café's doors on Oct. 27, debates inside the Victoria All Candidates Forum were even more heated.

The event, hosted by the UVSS and the City of Victoria Youth Council (CVYC), was put together to raise student awareness of the Nov. 15 municipal elections.

"Just because [the municipal election] doesn't have all the flare or glare of a provincial or federal campaign doesn't make it any less important," UVSS Director of Academics Edward Pullman said.

The forum was held in the café downtown so people could eat, drink and be casual, said UVSS Chairperson Caitlin Meggs.

"We wanted it to be informal," Meggs said. "It worked out really well."

Seven of the eight candidates participated, with Georgia-Anne Jones absent. Each candidate was asked to speak on three issues: transit, housing and youth.

With each question, the candidates were timed. Some candidates answered the question completely, while others spoke to something completely different.

For transit, candidate Saul Andersen, a taxi driver by trade, suggested a late-night bus from Fort Street and Douglas Street to take students back up to campus either at 2 a.m. or 2:15 a.m. Kristen Woodruff suggested another form of transportation, saying, "public transport is okay, hitchhiking is better."

Calls for an end to the homeless problem were yelled from the crowd, as well as a lone person in the crowd asking why we should even believe in government.

Council candidate Tavis Dodds stood in the crowd wearing a clown nose and shouting the names of mayoral candidates he didn't support after they spoke.

The homeless problem was addressed by candidates in a general way, with candidates acknowledging that there needed to be a change, but not citing any specific examples.

"In my Victoria, we wouldn't have any homeless people," said Andersen.

The candidates spoke to youth and community issues with their own platforms in mind. Hugh Kruzel said that every group in society should feel empowered, while Rob Reid, who has two children in university, said he knows student loans are a big issue.

After formal questioning, candidates were invited to mingle, which gave people an opportunity to ask personal questions.

Council candidate Nick Baker, who owns Bodhi Fitness on the corner of Fort Street and Cook Street, said he was running because through living and working downtown, he recognizes that there needs to be a change.

With so many different kinds of people running for city council and mayor, a change is finally coming, Baker said. Although he doesn't officially endorse any mayoral candidate, he suggests that Reid, the owner of Frontrunners, would make a great mayor since he's worked downtown and been involved with the community for so long.

Other new ideas put forward by the mayoral candidates throughout the evening included Woodruff's suggestion of replacing flower beds with food beds, Ron Taylor's thought to let the homeless camp in Goldstream Park at the foot of the Malahat where they would be able to fish for food and Andersen suggesting the revoke of the skateboard ban on downtown streets and sidewalks.

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City council candidate Tavis Dodds and mayoral candidate Steve Filipovic took part in the first UVSS and CVYC All Candidates Forum on Oct. 27.

Obama's potential thrills Americans at UVic

Cody Willett

Nearly two years of presidential campaigning have left American students studying abroad at UVic transfixed by the 2008 election's final days.

In an election that will throw into power either the oldest man ever elected, or the first African-American, for some U.S. students the stakes couldn't be higher and have left many wondering how their world will be influenced by the Nov. 4 vote.

"The outcome of the election will absolutely be a factor in my decision to stay in Canada," said Kristi Sipes, a fourth-year UVic student originally from Maryland. "The political situation at home was one of the primary reasons I left the U.S. – paying my taxes into such a corrupt cause made me too angry. So if there is another Republican in the White House, I think I will lobby my family to get the hell out too."

Max Sussman, another UVic student, hails from California and is blunt about the prospect of a John McCain win.

"I would look into becoming a naturalized citizen of Canada," said Sussman. "I want no part of another eight years of conservatism."

Student and Montana expatriate Rachael Cardiello, however, isn't so quick to cut her ties.

"The USA is my home .... Other factors might persuade me to become a dual citizen, but running away from a bad political atmosphere is not one of them," she said.

Barack Obama has counted on the enthusiasm of young people, many of whom are casting their very first ballot this election, throughout his entire journey from the primaries to election day. A recent AP-Yahoo News poll reflects the general trend of a nearly 2-1 preference of Obama over McCain among people 18- to 29-years-old.

When asked about what makes this generational passing of the baton worth all the excitement, Cardiello says that this year she's the most excited and involved she's ever been with politics because it's so monumental for America.

"I think it's beautifully evident that there is a shift in the views of Americans," she said.

Cardiello relies on her older brother, who lives in Portland, Oregon, for updates about the situation on the ground.

"Every time I talk to him he tells me of all the exciting rallies and events that are happening," Cardiello said. "Movie theatres have been broadcasting the presidential debates for free. I've never seen this amount of positive attention on an election before and it's really exciting."

Sipes is sharper in her reasoning behind her vote.

"McCain is a relic of another era, still trying to win the Vietnam War — in Iraq and Afghanistan now," Sipes said. "It seems to me that to a military man, everything looks like a battle to be fought, and that is an attitude I would love to see discredited in the U.S. Might is just a cover for fear."

Sussman says that a vote for McCain is essentially a vote supporting the status quo.

"Obama would be the first president in 50 years open to talks with Cuba regarding trade," said Sussman. "Cuba is no longer a polity to fear, but [a neighbour] that produces grade A sugar, rum, soft lumber and cotton for low shipping prices. [Obama] is a shift from the good-old-boy America stuck in the 'us against the world' mentality."

Despite the 2008 enthusiasm paralleling that of the baby-boom generation behind Bobby Kennedy in 1968, Obama's echo-boom supporters understand the magnitude of what the next president faces.

"With the pile of problems being left behind by the Bush administration, getting everything functional again is going to be a very difficult task," said Sipes.

Sipes also says that she hopes the next president can regain the moral legitimacy that was lost when the U.S. disengaged with friends and foes around the world while allowing the Constitution to be flouted.

For Sussman, the last eight years have left the world wary of a bully superpower that plunges into confrontation without giving thought to diplomacy.

"Electing our first black president would flip that on its head," he said. "It would show the world we saw the mistake made in electing Bush and are ready to change the way we do things .... Four years ago, if you told me this was gonna happen, I woulda said bullshit."

Cardiello hints at the importance of the 2008 Presidential Election in respect to her identity itself.

"If Barack Obama was elected, and started making the changes that he is proposing, I wouldn't be embarrassed to admit that I am from the United States of America," she said.

- with files from Kim Magi

WANT TO PARTY ON U.S. ELECTION DAY?

The UVSS will be broadcasting the results as they come in on Nov. 4, starting at 10 a.m., at both Vertigo and Felicita's. From 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Felicita's will be the place to go to drink and watch the remaining results come in. Beer and "freedom fries" will be served on special, with a DJ spinning tunes to celebrate results. "It's just a fun way for people who are interested in the momentous historical event to get together and watch the commentary and celebrate," said UVSS chair Caitlin Meggs. "We were thinking of getting some big inflatable Democrat and Republican things but that wasn't really feasible." More details about the party will be released closer to the day of the actual event.

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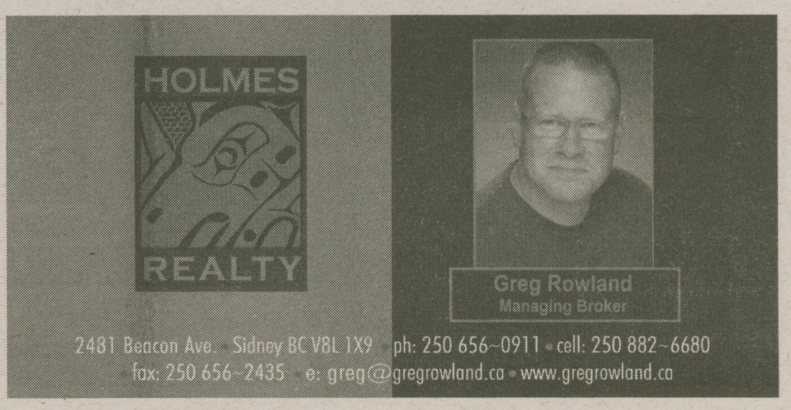
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UVSS Director at Large could be a voice for students

David Bell

It's easy to dismiss politics, especially when there isn't a candidate you can relate to. Students know this dilemma well, seeing dozens of candidates disregarding their needs. Luckily for this year's batch of scholars, UVSS member Richard Park is stepping up to the plate for the Nov. 15 municipal election.

Park's three main issues speak to the needs of students: more housing, more transit and a greener environment.

Originally from Chilliwack, it wasn't until Park's third year at UVic that he dealt with Victoria's housing issue first hand. Even after spending a considerable amount of time looking for a place to call home, by the beginning of September of last year Park was left with nothing more than the back seat of his car as a bed.

After two weeks of watching his grades (and his spirits) deteriorate, Park found solace on a friend's couch, and it wasn't until mid-November that he finally landed a place of his own. The root of his problem was like many other students' in Victoria: low supply of rentals grouped with soaring rent prices.

"Demand is increasing, causing prices to increase," Park said. "What is the city increasing? We're increasing condos, [and] we're destroying rental developments. There's nothing really sustainable to help the local population, or the student population."

Park suggests combating this through means such as co-op housing, limiting the destruction of rental properties, and inclusionary zoning, whereby the city would mandate the developers to build various housing, from low to high-income. Although he suggests developers have vested too much interest in high-income housing for larger profit margins, Park isn't quick to dismiss developers all together.

"Developers are very important to the city; they play a very integral role," said Park, "but the people are being left behind and that's a huge issue."

In regards to transit, Park believes increasing bus routes and frequency, as well as more rapid routes, will result in increased ridership among the community. Park recognizes the major flaw in transit is convenience.

"If [people] have a car, a lot of [them] aren't going to go out of their way to wait that extra time to take buses," said Park.

Although he recognizes that a lot of transit issues need to be addressed on a higher level of government, he also believes the municipal government must take the first step to make transit more readily available for everyone.

This ties in to his campaign's green issues as well. Park believes there are many ways for Victoria to become a greener city. These ideas include solar assisted buildings, more park space in the city, and alternate forms of energy. He acknowledges that, being on an island, Victoria has access to a variety of alternate forms of energy, such as wind or tidal, two sources many other areas don't have.

Although this is his first time running for council, Park is determined he can make a difference. He says that he has a fresh perspective on the municipal scene, no partisanships with anyone and the necessary community service. Park has also been on the UVSS board and senate, where he was actively involved in the successful We Ride campaign. It's his biology major, however, that Park believes is the big leg-up.

"[It] provides me with a mixed background instead of those polisci students," he said, laughing.

JOSH THOMPSON PHOTO

UVic biology student Richard Park is running for city council Nov. 15.

Park is committed to his campaign, and he's ready to actively serve the city of Victoria.

"Victoria is a city with a lot of potential," says Park, "and we need a council that is willing to lead Victoria to its proper potential."

Kristen Woodruff: a mayoral candidate with no fixed address

LEAH SCHEITEL PHOTO

Kristen Woodruff said running for Victoria mayor "felt like a calling."

Doug Hamilton-Evans

Kristen Woodruff, a Dalhousie graduate with no fixed address, is running for mayor of Victoria.

Woodruff has spent the last several years living simply, studying yoga, meditating and bunking down with friends in Victoria, Salt Spring Island and beyond. A few weeks ago, she had considered being a candidate for Victoria's mayoralty ridiculous.

"I'm usually against the idea of electoral politics," she admitted.

Woodruff had a change of heart, however, and decided to run for mayor while working to overturn the Victoria bylaw that restricts the homeless from setting up tents in public parks.

"It felt like a calling," Woodruff said, whose campaign motto is: "stranger things have happened."

Asked if she would live at a fixed address if she became mayor, Woodruff answered that she doesn't feel comfortable in modern living spaces. Her ideal home would be a "100-square-foot cedar cabin with a wood stove." She jokingly mulled over the idea of building one in front of City Hall, but then realized she'd need another cabin to escape to outside the city.

Although some may dismiss her as an activist and single-issue candidate, Woodruff identifies personal integrity and surviving through tough economic times as the campaign's most important issues.

On personal integrity she cites Confucius, saying that if your own heart is in order, so will be your family, and your city.

Woodruff also says she believes that the decisions made for Victoria are often made from an egotistical perspective, trying to "muscle reality into conforming." She insists the intentions are good, but the results are not.

"Let's see what we have and allow the city to take its natural functioning," she said.

After graduating from Dalhousie, Woodruff spent a year studying economic history for her Master's at St. Mary's University in Halifax. Citing her familiarity with broad economic patterns over time, she says that in her opinion the current economic downturn is going to be severe, and Victoria isn't ready. Woodruff advocates living simply and growing food instead of flowers in case something drastic happens.

"I could be a leader through tough economic times," she affirmed.

Woodruff is probably best known for her recent work with homeless rights activists. She rejects the notion that allowing the homeless to erect temporary shelters will ultimately lead to increased violence, drug use and unsanitary conditions.

"The reality is, people are sleeping in the parks whether we like it or not, and their numbers are growing. It happens in response to the needs of the city," she said.

Woodruff believes that a tent city could be assembled out of the way, but still close to downtown, in a non-sensitive ecosystem and away from heritage buildings.

"It doesn't have to be a den of squalor," Woodruff said. In her opinion, a tent city could be organized in an orderly fashion by the people who live there.

David Arthur Johnston, her friend and a fierce activist for Victoria homeless, has offered to lend his leadership.

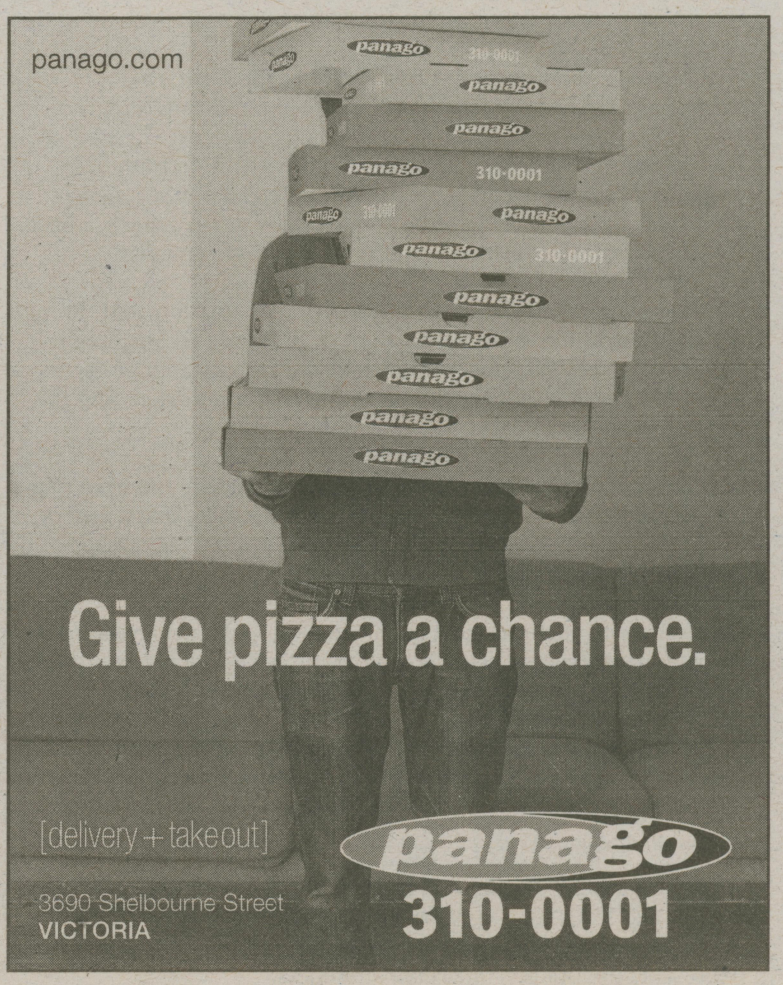
Many may recognize her from her recent front page picture in the Times Colonist, where she held a handstand while police dispersed and arrested homeless campers during an afternoon raid in Beacon Hill Park.

Confronted with conflict and caught between protesters and police, Woodruff chose to do a handstand instead of resist or flee.

"Life said to do a handstand now," she said.

Woodruff asserted that it was her hope to dissipate the tension and show that all parties involved were just people trying to do what they thought was just.

"Absurdity is a beautiful tool to reveal the hidden absurdity of a situation," she said.



EDITORIAL

Election not about the win

The American presidential election is finally ending on Nov. 4.

You might have been glued to your computer screen since the candidates started declaring themselves way back in 2007. Or you might still have trouble recalling which candidate is running for which party. Frankly, it doesn't matter.

What's going to matter is how the next president of the United States handles the rapidly evolving challenges of our times. Take your pick from the smorgasbord of problems needing urgent action and attention: climate change, global economic turmoil, political instability in Africa, war in the Middle East — the list goes on.

There hasn't been so much going wrong in the world since the Great Depression and World War II — or since ever, when you factor in global warming. Say what you will about George W. Bush, but the reality is that the uni-polar world and the leadership America used to have is gone. The next president's actions will help determine how a generation that grew up outside the confines of a Cold War system is able to remake the world for the next century and beyond.

The greatest changes are largely the result of the most tumultuous times. These are those times. When you look back at the last great social upheavals, you look to the late 1960s. Silent Spring, Vietnam, a faltering economy and inequality stirred a free-loving generation into frenzied activism and protest against the status quo of the day. Many of those baby boomers were passionate, free-thinking and ready to act.

Sadly, the problems of their times are still problems in ours. We can see what happens when half-hearted solutions gloss over problems the world faces. It's a new generation's turn to pick up the mantle of change and reform. If they don't, the path the world is set upon is only going to get bleaker.

Those baby boomers had hope. They hoped that peace, love and solidarity could win the day. They weren't wrong. It's what has turned an otherwise bitter presidential election into the source of optimistic renewal for an empire on the brink.

Whether you're a McCain supporter or all about Obama, you can take pride in the fact that ageism, racism and sexism are being exposed to the open dialogue that will ultimately lead to a stronger rejection of such prejudice. Even the argument for establishment "experience" in the halls of power is under heavy fire.

It can be rightly pointed out that the U.S. won't be the first nation to elect someone from an underrepresented group to the highest offices in the land. Indira Gandhi and Margaret Thatcher are well respected examples of women leading a nation. Nelson Mandela and Evo Morales fought racial prejudice to lead their countries. Charles de Gaulle and Winston Churchill weren't exactly spring chickens when they took office.

The difference is that at this time of great uncertainty, America, of all places, is battling the demons of its own past while talking about how to take on the daunting future. The very possibility, and at this point likeliness, of America overcoming a bloody and appalling history founded upon slavery serves notice to the world that if they can overcome this kind of moral handicap, they can do anything.

And so can we, everywhere else around the world. In trampling prejudice at home, America sets an example and sends a message to the world: the fight need not be about who is or isn't marginalized, but rather how to continue to promote ever more equality.

This election has captured the imagination of a nation, and through it's a waning but relevant reach, the world. People are inspired to believe that even the most entrenched and complicated problems can be worked out if leaders reach out to people for guidance, and the people care to reach back.

In this time, passion to change the course of history has been reignited, freedom of thought thrives across cyberspace and a generation eager to prove itself has shaken up the political landscape of the world's oldest democracy.

Regardless of which candidate wins on Nov. 4, citizens engaged in their political process have shown the initiative and resolve to fight for a better future, even in the face of bleaker news by the day.

And if that's any indication of what kind of good can come about in times of trouble, perhaps this election really is about more than just two men sparring in one nation's election.

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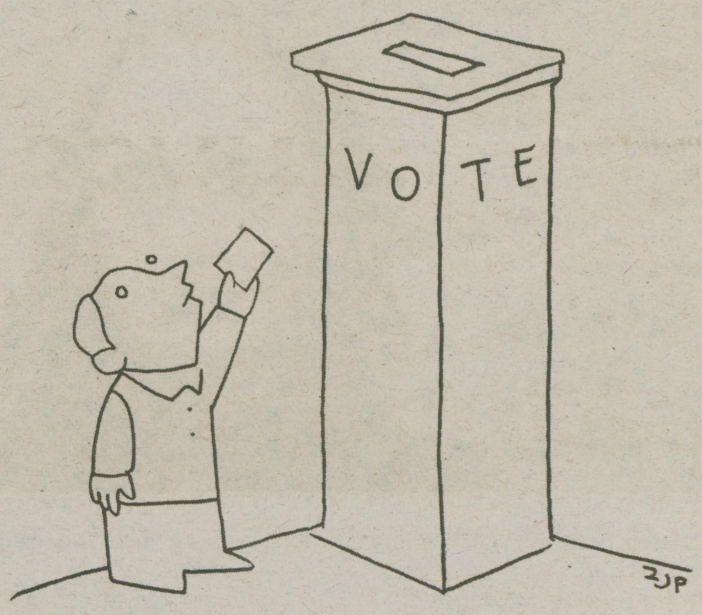
Trouble at the polling booth

Megan Russell



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I told myself I would vote this past election.

Friends and colleagues said they couldn't be bothered and it wasn't worth the hassle.

"Isn't my voice worth it?" I asked. "Shouldn't I show my support and opinion with a penciled X?"

That, and everyone knows you can't complain if you don't vote. As a person who plans to gripe often over the next five (or less) years, voting was in my best interest.

Even though I'm a student, I live off-campus and therefore cannot participate in the on-campus voting.

Instead, I prepared to do a "change of address" come the big day, since they sent my voter information card back home to Nanaimo.

Had I thought about it, I could have registered under my new address before Oct. 7, but ultimately I figured I could kill two birds with one stone. Besides, doing all your errands on the same day saves gas.

On Oct. 14, I had class all day. At 5:30 p.m. I rushed to my apartment to collect my roommate and "proof of address" in the form of a tenancy agreement. The night before we'd called Elections Canada to find out our voting location and station number.

I knew the polling station would be busy at that time. I knew a majority of people would be getting off work and that most hadn't had the chance or the inclination to vote at 7 a.m. I was prepared with patience and a roommate to wait out the line. What I wasn't prepared for was how frustrating the situation would get.

The first line up I waited in took 45 minutes. The only information I learned at the end of it was my polling number, which I already had, and that I had to wait in a separate line for my change of address.

When my roommate told the woman behind the table that it was a shame we couldn't jump the line since we'd already looked up our polling number, she replied: "They wouldn't believe you if it wasn't in my writing."

In the second lineup, I waited another 45 minutes. As the evening progressed, I watched people leave the line, sick of the wait, their faces twisted in annoyance and frustration.

An elderly woman caused a scene when the supervisor failed to explain to her that the reason she couldn't vote was because she was at the wrong location, and not because he just didn't want her to vote. He repeated the phrase "you can't vote here" as her angered voice echoed off the gymnasium walls.

By the time I reached the front of the line, the polling stations were closed. A lineup of people who had shown up before 7 p.m. still stretched out the building. The registration officers glared at those still waiting as if it were our fault there was only two people helping us with registration or address changes.

I approached the table. I will say the woman was efficient, but she couldn't compete with the number of people waiting.

Fill out form, bring to station, fill out ballot, drop in slot. I felt no sense of accomplishment, but instead like I'd been dragged against my will.

Why would the polling stations not prepare for a surge of voters during after-work hours by having more people available for change-of-address and registration aid? Why would Elections Canada give out station numbers if those at the stations won't accept our word? How many people actually get up at 7 a.m. to vote?

Considering the voter turnout was the lowest in Canadian history — with 59.1 per cent of electorates casting a ballot — something has got to change. Before, I thought the low projected number of voters was due to the candidates not reaching out enough. Now, I believe that's only part of the problem.

That night, I watched the results unfold, and found myself disappointed. I tried, I fought, I waited longer than most would so my opinion could be counted. For what? My roommate and I felt defeated and exhausted.

I thought to myself, as I switched channels to a rerun episode of *Seinfeld*, "No wonder Canadians don't vote."

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FASHION FOLLOWINGS

Don't be a Halloween whore

Trisha Gieni

I don't want to be sexy for Halloween.

Apparently dressing up no longer means thinking of a creative and clever costume that is both witty and handmade.

Instead, all around me respectable career outfits are cheapened to satisfy the marketing of this suddenly sexy "holiday."

It feels like choosing a Halloween costume has become a bad improv skit.

Quick, someone name an occupation.

Gardener!

Ok, now think of something suggestive that gardeners do.

Hoe!

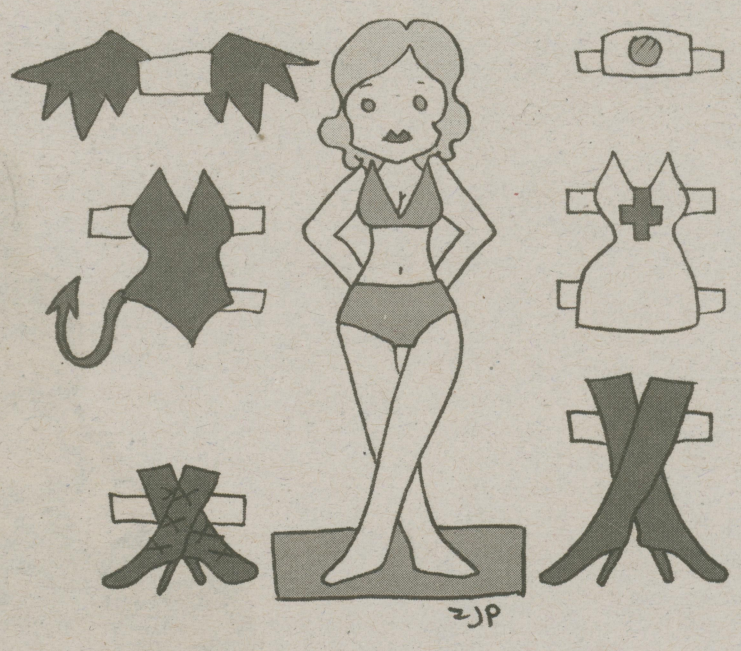
Look, I'm a hoeing gardener.

There are tons of people who don't complain about this trend. They see no problem with girls' costume tendencies of slipping into fishnets and hiking up their hemlines.

But when did this start and who started it?

My prediction is that it went something like this: a woman comes home from a hard day nursing to find her husband making Halloween preparations. He's carving pumpkins and painting faces.

As she rubs her temples and takes down her disheveled hair, her husband asks her what she is going to dress up as for a Halloween party they are set to attend in less than an hour.



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She makes an argument for staying in, which sparks a reoccurring fight that they had been having for the last few months about her lack of adventure and tendency to be a homebody.

"Why don't you do something exciting for a change?" spits her husband.

Being too tired to argue, but too fired up to let it rest, the woman storms into the bedroom to get ready for the party that they were obligated to attend.

When it comes time for them to leave, the woman slinks out of the bedroom in her nurse's outfit that she had cut and pinned into a barely recognizable version of her uniform.

This sultry take on caregiving becomes what is now known as the "naughty nurse."

"How's this for a change?" offers the woman.

Normally up-standing professions find their everyday attire turned into a scandalous outfit. I'm sorry to those who think that this is acceptable, but please, just put in a little effort.

I realize that I am in no position to argue, because costume to me seems to mean look as ugly as you can, which takes about as much effort as the sexy thing.

Grab all the spandex you can, backcomb your hair a little, and there you go.

Even though I never have a clever costume, I would like to promote those who do.

To the guy who came dressed up as Facebook last year (and took the time and effort to do it right), I applaud you.

If you're like me and can't seem to get organized, take advantage of your natural look.

There is always a celebrity you may resemble whom you could mock. For example, I often dress up as Pipi Longstocking.

Even using your name works as inspiration. I can't tell you how many times I have dressed as a genie.

Whatever you choose to do, please think outside the teeny-tiny box that your barely-there school girl costume came in.

And guys, I'm talking to you too. Sexy cowboy, give me a break.

UVSS squashes students' rights

David Pasivirta

The UVSS recently denied Youth Protecting Youth, a cleverly named pro-life group, funding for its club.

Their decision was based on YPY's pro-life ideological stance.

Whether or not you hold the same or the opposite views as this organization, it is impossible to see the UVSS's actions as anything less than malicious censorship.

Here at UVic we are being educated. We are being taught what to do and how to think. Under the category of how to think, we are taught what to value and why.

As students at a university, there is an unspoken assumption that suggests this is an environment that is open to the discussion of ideas from all sides of the ideological spectrum.

There are many people on campus who hold value systems that clash with one another, but as students at a university, we are learning to articulate those value systems with dignity and clarity.

The value system held by those who wrote the UVSS bylaws and policy documents is evidenced by the political stance it is taking. Clearly, the UVSS supports the right of a woman to choose. This support for freedom of choice is valid and valued.

But is the UVSS so blind as to not see that they are supporting the freedom of choice of only one group?

Why is the YPY club not allowed the freedom of choice to say that they see the world in a manner that is opposed to the UVSS?

They should still be granted the right to exist.

Abortion isn't even the issue at this point.

Freedom of belief and speech are being attacked and suppressed in the name of defense for the freedom of choice.

Which freedom is more valuable, and why does the student society have interpretive control over which freedom is more valued?

If freedom of choice is really as valuable as the UVSS is suggesting, isn't it up to the individual to listen to both sides of the debate and then decide for themselves?

I think that to suppress one side of the issue makes UVic as intellectually free as a bible college that doesn't allow openly homosexual students to study in the institution.

UVSS, what are you afraid of?

> "Abortion isn't even the issue at this point. Freedom of belief and speech are being attacked."

Science vs superstition

Marri Knadle

There's something in the air this century. It's not the leaf mulch, the pumpkin pies, the odor of wet rabbit, but something else. Something more pervasive. Inhale deep: that's the fragrance of gullibility.

The eagerly anticipated arrival of Halloween speaks to our love of the spooky, the supernatural, and the just plain fun. While ghost stories with s'mores are harmless and enjoyable, modern society is faced with a lack of critical thinking which goes deeper than our suspension of disbelief and hints at an absence of appreciation for facts.

The Large Hadron Collider, after facing some setbacks, was set to go online on Oct. 21. By the time you read this either the LHC has been successfully inaugurated, or there's been another setback.

Or we're all dead, strung out like spaghetti by an unleashed horde of micro black holes.

Naysayers would have us believe that we're all in danger, citing science's supposed lack of experience with such particle accelerators. But the truth is, the LHC is actually safer than other particle accelerators already in existence.

The problem is the LHC is a large, complex, well publicized machine. An easy target, in other words, for the reactionaries who remind us that it's not our place to "play God." It's also a spoon in the pot of anti-science sentiment, and it's stirring.

A court case attempting to delay the LHC's inauguration for more safety testing gained wide attention, giving way to popular apocalypse forecasting on the Internet and in the media.

Anything less than a 100 per cent safety rating from every scientist involved in the project (an impossibility) is not enough for these critics.

Vilification of science goes way back. Before he was a green guy with bolts in his neck, Frankenstein's monster was an icon of science gone wrong, from Mary Shelley's thought provoking 1818 novel *Frankenstein*.

Many feel humanity should not overstep our bounds: homeopathy critics, anti-vaccination lobbyists, LHC naysayers. Not to mention that "2012 New World Order" sign-toting fellow who stands outside Ring Road when the weather is nice (I presume he's talking about the Mayan doomsday fad, or some spin-off). The list of sustained belief in ill-supported, implausible theories goes on.

It is ironic, then, that the "mere" theories of science are so often criticized.

The present trend of anti-intellectualism is more dangerous than it has been previously in our history. Our world is changing rapidly and challenging us to make some crucial decisions about our global future.

I find it tragic that the street level buzz about the LHC is focused more on its supposed potential to rip the world in 'twain than on what it will possibly do for us. When, as a society, have we begun to place equal or greater value in rumour and jest than in our accomplishments?

While it's easy to pick out the fact from the fiction in Halloween's festivities, more bizarre and equally unfounded beliefs have become a part of our daily lives. When superstition becomes the status quo, we stop questioning it.

That's more insidious than any vampire tale.

Sports and Sex

For female jocks, getting your game on can be hard off the field

by Tanysia Komers

Mud, blood and glory has only taken me so far as a rugby player. It can get me the tackle, the team's respect and about as much as a high five from the guy that I would have hoped to secure by the night's end. While the glory is great, it's the side-effects that tend to throw off my evening game. Try as I might, it's hard to score off the field when that sexy skirt only serves to highlight the bruises and rake marks left by my female competition on the pitch.

Being seen as more than an average woman with a waist and a "pair of melons" can be more gratifying than the game-saving hit, but often it leaves an impression that femininity is on a low. Sure, being introduced as a rugby player may instantly win me eye-to-eye respect, but often being seen as one of the guys only puts me in a category that supersedes sex. One guy I'd been chatting up at a party heard that I played the game and punched me in the arm, saying "Shit son, that's cool." Not necessarily the reaction I had been hoping for.

I was convinced I couldn't be the only one whose sex life was compromised thanks to the game I play, and I seized the opportunity to reassure my ego at one of my team's pre-practice stretch circles. Flopping down on an edge of the grassy ring, I mentioned my ongoing lack of action to Sarah, one of the many girls who contended regularly with bruise patterns and had long since forgone the idea of wearing skirts. After first telling me that she had not, in fact, had any sort of trouble, she added that she primarily dated other rugby players.

A couple of other girls heard our conversation, and piped up. They believed that playing rugby and getting laid were polar opposites for estrogen-endowed players.

"Leave the lights off!" shouted Thalia, one of our forwards, shaking her head at my apparent ignorance. "Can't show off your bruises 'til later."

Apparently, there are rules to the late night game I was unaware of, and my beloved war wounds were a trademark no-no — after all, why wouldn't I have shown off the trophies I collect on the pitch?

"Bruises aren't sexy," confessed my friend Neil, cringing like he had just been forced to tell me that Santa isn't real. And according to the guys I had gathered for the sake of polling, neither are biceps or ripped legs. Damn it.

In the name of thorough research, I decided to even out the playing field by getting my eager volunteers to choose between two pictures of equally sexy women — one of whom played my sport, the other who didn't. Ultimately, the five or six guys who wandered in and out of the room unanimously snuck in their votes for the one who didn't play; a choice most of them couldn't explain.

Despite the apparent decided unattractiveness of trained muscles, however, it was determined that a rugby girl would make a great partner. According to the fellows polled, there is a little something in the swagger we get as we walk off the field that announces not only our arrival, but our inherent dominance. It has to be the right sort of evening though, a few said, for a guy to be interested in being out-muscled by a female partner. Consequently, Jeff, an ex-player himself, declared: "Rugby girls scare the shit out of me."

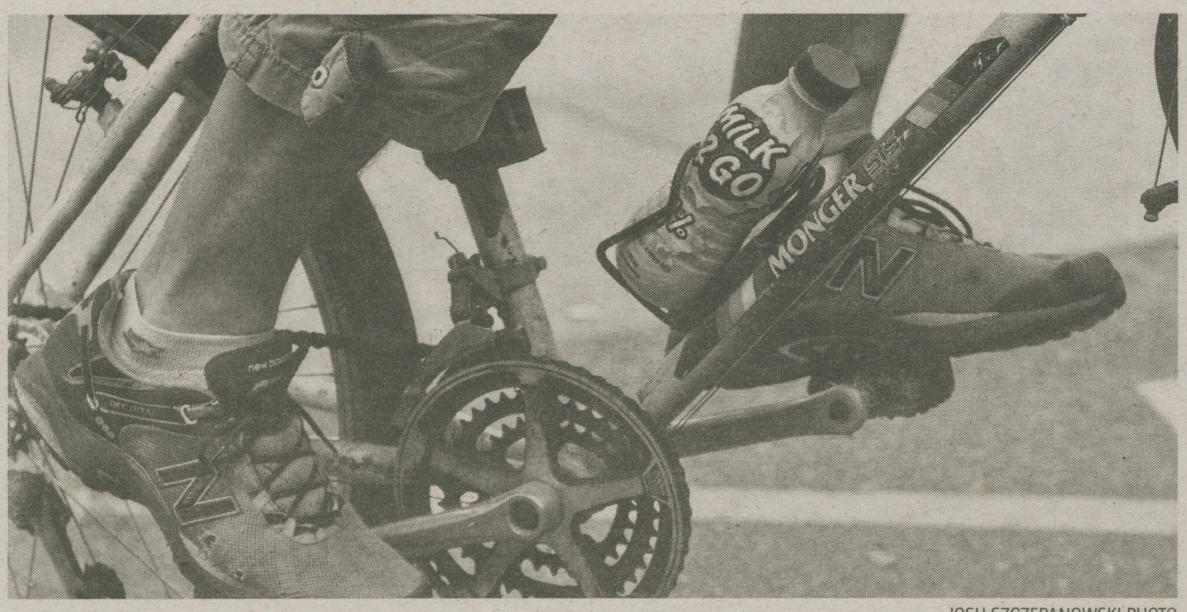
None of this information was very surprising according to my father, who doubles as a doctor and sexual selection expert. According to my bearer of bad news, sexual selection dictates that the most attractive attributes of either sex are signs of vitality and vigour: clear skin, a straight walk, shiny hair; cleat rakes and fingerprint bruises excluded. Mammalian males, he says, are on average larger than their female counterparts and biologically designed for combat and protection. So, according to the science of human sexuality, leaving a man with a beefy woman makes some men feel about as useful as a deflated rugby ball.

While many of the women of rugby take pride in the ability to out-flex the competition and come off radiating the glory of a fair fight, it's the men of our affections that aren't necessarily falling for the looming threat of being beaten by their fair maidens. This does explain why I've never managed to score on evenings when I've had to explain why only one eye is shadowed purple.

Being introduced as a rugby player often marks me as an aggressive woman. For a man who (according to my father) is innately seeking a partner to raise his young, this becomes a key sign that I would not focus all my attention on the survival of our young; even if I would gladly focus on the production of them.

"Why do you think some cultures keep their women at home?" my dad says, explaining that the male is instinctively seeking out a female who will not be distracted by competition or be able to undermine his status in male social circles. I suppose it could be intimidating when I show off my biceps and my capacity to drink rum like water. On second thought, it might also help if I didn't spend most of my night out dancing on speakers with all my limbs flailing.

As enlightening as my dad's biological insight is, it only served to further confirm the arcane idea that the best way to win a game is to pretend you're not playing it. The trick, it appears, is to maintain an unmuddied, unbloodied female image until after the guy has been assured that he is not hooking up with a beast. It could be time I reconnected with my femininity. Then again, I've always thought that having the passion for playing a game, any game, seems pretty damn sexy in itself.



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Your bones need more than just calcium to be healthy. Physical activity and vitamins are essential as well.

Skeletons: one spooky subject

Jennifer Gait

Halloween currently means tricks or treats, but it used to be a time to honour the bones of ancestors. The strength of one's skeleton is generally seen as a subject women should worry about after menopause, but bone health is an important topic for both genders and all ages — particularly for children and young adults. What many people don't realize about the health of their skeleton is that bone density starts declining after the age of 30. Building strong bones prior to this is the trickiest action you can take to treat your body.

Think "bone" and the song "Dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones" comes to mind. But far from being dry and inert, these structures that support your physique and protect your vital organs consist of many different types of tissue. These tissues enable bones to carry out functions that include growth, repair, storage of minerals and maintenance of the critical acid-alkaline balance in the blood.

Treat 'em right

The most important factor in the creation of strong bones is physical activity. Bones are built in response to the requirements put on them. Sedentary living imposes few requirements, while physical activity sends signals to your bones which cause them to increase in strength and flexibility. But extreme exercise is not required; incorporating activity into your daily routine can suffice. Walk or cycle rather than taking the bus, and climb stairs rather than using the elevator. Weight-bearing resistance training to the point of muscle fatigue also helps to build bone — three 10-minute sessions a week is all you need. Be sure to get proper instruction to prevent injury.

Give them goodies

Bones need proper nutrition in order to do their work. Calcium is just one of the minerals needed for bone health — phosphorus, magnesium, potassium, manganese, zinc, iron, silica and several trace minerals are also required. Consequently, eating a variety of mineral-rich green vegetables helps to build strong bones. Making a broth by simmering bones and vegetables for several hours will feed your own bones better than drinking milk. Several studies have shown that milk intake does not reduce fracture risk and some countries with high dairy-food intakes also have high fracture rates.

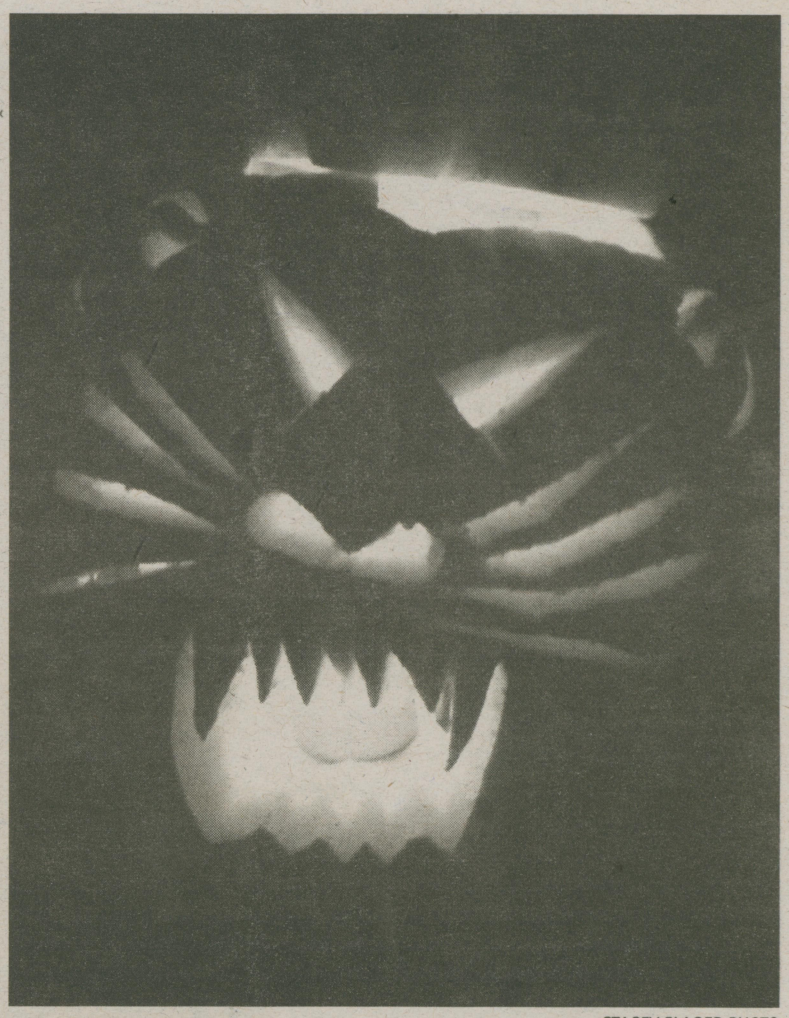
Stock up on vitamin thrills

Vitamins D and C are also important to maintaining bone health. Vitamin C is essential for the body to make collagen, a long fibrous protein that gives bones tensile strength and makes them less likely to break. Vitamin D is required in order to absorb calcium. In the summer, the body manufactures this vitamin when the skin is exposed to sunlight, but in winter vitamin D can be obtained from eating oily fish such as salmon or sardines. These foods also provide the healthy fats necessary to absorb vitamin D.

Protect them from scares

But building bone is just half the story. Bone is broken down to provide calcium to the blood when it falls outside the narrow alkaline range (7.35 to 7.45 pH) essential to bodily function, so it's important to minimize — or eliminate — foods that increase the acidity of the blood. These include alcohol, pop, artificial sweeteners, sugar, excessive salt and foods made with white flour. Smoking also decreases bone density. A study on 1,000 Swedish men aged 18 to 20 showed that the mineral density in smokers' hips was five per cent lower than in non-smokers. A 10 per cent decrease in mineral bone density doubles the risk of fracture.

With the risks so high, and preventative measures so effortless, it makes sense to treasure those precious bones in every way possible — the alternative is just too scary.



STACEY SLAGER PHOTO

Samhain, a Pagan or Wiccan ritual with the dead, takes place Oct. 31.

Witches' journey to the underworld

What: Samhain Ritual
Where: 5920 Leda Rd, East Sooke
When: Saturday Nov. 1, from 6 - 10 p.m.

Marc Junker

As winter approaches, plants begin to decay, leaves drop from their perches and life seeps out of the world as it falls into darkness, waiting to be rejuvenated and for the cycle to begin anew. It's during this time that the veil between the world of the dead and the living is at its thinnest, and is the ideal time to make a connection with those who've passed on.

Samhain is a ritual that marks this time of year for those who follow Pagan or Wiccan traditions. As one of the major annual Pagan festivals, or "Sabbats," it takes place on or around Oct. 31 — after sundown, of course.

There are many modern interpretations of Samhain, but it is usually a time to pay respect and communicate with those who have died — ancestors, friends, elders, or anyone you wish to connect with.

The event must take place in the darkness, in contrast to the spring festival, Beltane, which celebrates light and fertility. Both celebrations are derived from Celtic traditions surrounding the cycle of agriculture and the harvest.

During Samhain, a sacrifice must be made in order for the journey to the underworld to be complete. As times and traditions evolve, this has been interpreted as more of a spiritual sacrifice and each participant must write down what they wish to banish and throw it into the fire. Whether it is a bad experience or an ill thought, it is meant to be a personal and meaningful sacrifice.

During the festival, a "Mystery Play" will take place. This is a performance illustrating death and rebirth and is an amalgamation of the various Celtic Folklore and Pagan customs that serve as a foundation for the festivities.

This year, the ritual will be hosted by the UVic Pagan Circle, headed by Stacey Slager, who is one of the key members of the club. Slager revived the group in 2006 and this will be their second ritual practice of Samhain under the new leadership.

"[The club] has been evolving from a peer-information group to a how-to, hands-on ritual circle," said Slager about the Pagan Circle going into its third year.

For those looking to celebrate Samhain this season, or to get involved and learn more about Pagan culture at UVic, email Slager at staceys@uvic.ca or search "Samhain Ritual East Sooke" on Facebook.

The UVic Pagan Circle meets weekly on campus Thursdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at HSD A270. Newcomers are always welcome.

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Too much passion in Canadian film Passchendaele

Clay Murphy

Passchendaele, the blockbuster brain-child of Paul Gross, joins the immense ranks of love stories set during a war. Yet, the only original element about the premise is the fact that it's set in World War I — not often seen in the cinema.

Roughly 95 minutes of this movie focus on the burgeoning relationship between Sgt. Michael Dunne (played by director, producer, writer Gross) and Sarah Mann (Caroline Dhavernas). Dunn returns home from the battlefield after a particularly nasty experience involving his bayonet and a young German's forehead. He stays in the Calgary hospital, where he first meets Sarah, who attends to him as his lovely nurse.

Once Dunne recovers, he is honourably discharged and begins work at the local recruitment office, but is distracted by horseback trips into the beautiful Alberta countryside with Sarah. Between their flirtations, we meet Sarah's asthmatic brother (Joe Dinicol) who is determined to enlist for various reasons, one of them a girl and the other a his deceased father.

Right off the bat, the audience sees Dunne and three other desperate soldiers pinned down by an enemy machine gun. Sparse dialogue, pounding boots, and shrieking bullets are all that is heard. A promising beginning to a fast-paced movie that obviously has no qualms with showing the horrors of the First World War, but it is just a precursor for the unoriginal story of passion between Dunne and Sarah.

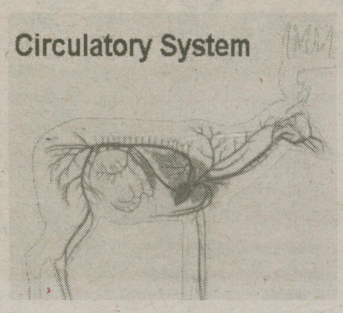
After that, Gross takes away World War I and won't let us play with it until the last 20 minutes of the film, no matter how much we beg. We are instead given 1917 Calgary, which I found to be heavy with unnecessary dialogue and damaged souls.

Dunne and Sarah work on calming their inner demons, while David gets drunk and whines about not getting to shoot Germans. Add to all this a vague hatred the Mann siblings have for their father and a trouble-making British enlistment officer and you've got quite the melodramatic stew. This stew bubbles over when a soldier hauls a haphazard crucifix across the battlefield. Anytime a crucifix is introduced in a film, there will be groans.

Finally, we arrive at the battle of Passchendaele and are presented with a terrifyingly realistic portrait of early 20th century warfare: trench fighting, complete with bayonets and hatchets, amid foxholes that could pass as lakes. Artillery pounds the earth every couple of seconds, and men are thrown like rag dolls across the terrain. It's an intense and gripping scene, reminiscent of the work done in *Saving Private Ryan*.

Passchendaele was a valiant effort at popularizing a war not many films try to tackle, but in the end, the movie was about the uninspired love story of a soldier and his pretty nurse, not the battle in which more than 15,000 Canadians lost their lives to ensure victory.

Deers hit number one, while Mims flops with tired lyrics



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GRUMPY CLOUD RECORDS

The Ottawa-based folk band, use every part of the deer, takes their "waste not, want not" mantra to heart.

In their self-titled debut album, they encompass a variety of themes, often within the same breath, and with a range of musical influences.

With the opening track, "BALM," the band gives a gentle, lilting tribute to Gwen Stefani's open red mouth, ironically painting a picture of a pop icon's face before launching into their next (decidedly un-poppy) gospel number, "St. Apollonia."

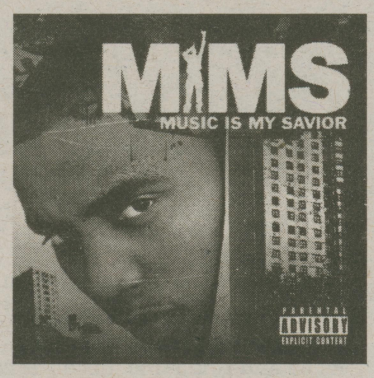
The lyrics invoke the *Little House on the Prairie* imagery that's become so popular with bands named after forest flora and fauna. However, use every part of the deer juxtaposes pastoral references with edgier ones.

Lines like, "Stranded by the peach tree with a pistol in my hand," followed closely with "Jolly roger on the knapsack of a punk rock girl" catch listeners off guard in "Blue jay/green jay," arguably the strongest track on the album.

The two songs written and sung by bandmate Susanna Wiens compromise the album's cohesiveness. In place of the usual complex lyrics, she brings a ridiculous children's sing-along simplicity to the words and execution of "Pedestrian Road Rage" and "Sandbar."

Before purchasing the album, remember that it's a debut album and as such has amateurish qualities — like singing out of their vocal range, and playing too musically safe with often only guitars and violins for accompaniment. Yet it's a solid start, and the album has already reached the heady heights of number-one folk album in Lethbridge, Alta. — not a feat to shake off lightly.

- Vanessa Annand



Music is My Savior
Mims
CAPITOL RECORDS

A good hip-hop/rap album should be one part ego, two parts lyrics/beat. Unfortunately, *Music is My Savior*, the debut release from Mims, has mixed up the formula.

Mims begins spinning his own too-ambitious rags-to-riches tale with a fantastic intro that goes from serious to playful in the blink of an eye.

Uniqueness quickly goes out the window for much of the rest of the album, and begins to sound like an unfortunate combination of Kanye West's *Graduation* and Jay-Z's *Kingdom Come*.

The incredibly obnoxious lyrics of "Superman" and "Big Black Train" are those you would expect from a hip-hop veteran, and the mundane and generally lack-lustre rhymes contained in each feel boring and uninspired, making his egotistical claims laughable.

Energetic and uplifting beats in "This Is Why I'm Hot" and "Like This" struggle to save *Music is My Savior* from rap cliché, and if it weren't for the ego virtually oozing out of them, Mims may have established himself as a major player in the rap game.

For every unoriginal song on the album, however, there is a track that really shines through. "Where I Belong" is a soulful rap about Mims's early life.

The "Outro," although not technically a full song, stands well on its own and is a bit of a tearjerker.

Ultimately, *Music is My Savior* is a confused mess with a few good tracks buried under poor lyrics and overdone themes. Although experienced rap fans might enjoy some of Mims's tracks, newcomers should give this one a pass.

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Tiny James played the saxaphone at Pluto's first open mic night.

Musicians come together at Pluto's

Emily Agopsowicz

Pluto's restaurant is Victoria's newest open mic venue. Last week featured the first of what will become a weekly event at the restaurant, drawing a variety of genres, ages and experience to the stage.

Located on the corner of Cook and Yates, Pluto's is a world of its own. From the outside it looks like a converted gas/service station. Inside, the brightly painted windows and open space create a warm, inviting atmosphere that is essential when trying to convince musicians to come out of their seats and into the spotlight, in front of strangers.

Carolyn Butula, who organized the open mic event on Oct. 21, works part-time at the restaurant.

"I saw that Pluto's wasn't getting the exposure among students that it could," said Butula.

She hopes that the open mic nights will help attract students. With features such as "All You Can Eat Tacos" on Mondays and daily drink specials, it is surprising that there are not more students frequenting the restaurant. Butula, a singer-songwriter, thought that other open mic events in Victoria lacked variety.

"I wanted to create a space where all different styles of music could come together in a friendly atmosphere," said Butula. "Everyone gets a chance to play, and there is a jam session at the end to merge together all of those unique styles."

The Oct. 21 jam was led by UVic student Simon Russell. It included a saxophone, two guitars and various percussion instruments and went well past the restaurant's 11 p.m. closing.

"Tiny James," a musician visiting from Wales, arrived with his saxophone and clarinet. He also plays bass guitar. James describes his sound as "jazz, blues, anything."

Rémi Côté delighted the audience with an incredible falsetto while performing a Guns 'N Roses cover. It was his first performance at an open mic in Victoria since moving to B.C. from Ontario three years ago. The restaurant's reputation attracted Côté to the event.

"There aren't any fake people here," said Côté. "There's always a smiling face and a friendly conversation. It's hard not to come back."

Côté believes the exposure that a musician gets when performing at an open mic is invaluable.

"It's a great way to test out an original song," he said.

Peter McDonagh, a guitarist and singer from Vancouver, agreed.

"An open mic is a great staging ground for working on new songs. You get a vibe for how others react to your music and you can gauge whether a song works or not," said McDonagh.

Pluto's open mic will be held every Tuesday night from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Musicians of all experience levels are encouraged to attend.

LOCAL VENUES

JOSH THOMPSON PHOTO

Hillside manager Katrina Richards loves working at the Black Stilt so much, she's been there since 2005.

Black Stilt big on community

Grady Mitchell

Sometimes the library just isn't the best place to study. With claustrophobic shelves, heavy silence and tomb-like decor, it can feel more like an old folks' home than a place of learning.

Enter: the Black Stilt coffee shop and lounge, a livelier answer to your study woes.

Katrina Richards, manager of the original Hillside Black Stilt location, has worked there since its opening in September 2005, and she plans on sticking around.

"It's a pretty sweet gig," Richards said. "You get to work with chill people from the same age group, and Dave [Crothall] is a stellar boss."

The Black Stilt draws a wide range of customers.

"You get young kids, book clubs, the nine-to-five business people, and, during evenings, a lot of students," she said.

It's easy to see what draws the crowds. At the Hillside location, the entire front wall consists of floor to ceiling windows. When the sun falls, dangling tear-drop lamps light the space. Near the counter is a small alcove furnished with couches and a coffee table. There's a raised hardwood area at the back, complete with a leather couch, armchairs and a fireplace. Brightly coloured modern art hangs above it.

Local arts are a big part of the Stilt. Almost every weekend the book club nook is cleared out to make a stage for bands. Tickets are cheap, ranging from $3 to $6. Every Friday night there's Planet Earth Poetry at 7:30 p.m., where any wannabe poet can perform.

> "Why can't someone just go somewhere and chill out?"
>
> – Dave Crothall, Owner Black Stilt coffee shop

Dave Crothall, the Black Stilt's owner, says integrating into the community was always the first goal. Crothall, now 30, has been a resident Victorian since age nine. He studied human geography at UVic, specializing in urban planning. The inspiration for the Black Stilt came from a stint in London, where he earned a masters degree.

"There are a lot of good hangouts there," said Crothall. "I came back here and there's so many freaking rules; you can't study here, you have to be a certain age to go here. Why can't someone just go somewhere and chill out?"

The Black Stilt lives by this philosophy. Free wireless lets students procrastinate on Facebook, while hot caffeine gets the gears churning. And if it's a particularly bad assignment, the Black Stilt also offers alcoholic drinks.

A Black Stilt is an extremely rare river bird native to the Timaru region of New Zealand, where Crothall's mother grew up. Also called Kaki, their population dropped rapidly after the introduction of mammalian predators into their habitat. Their body is completely black, except for their long, slender red legs.

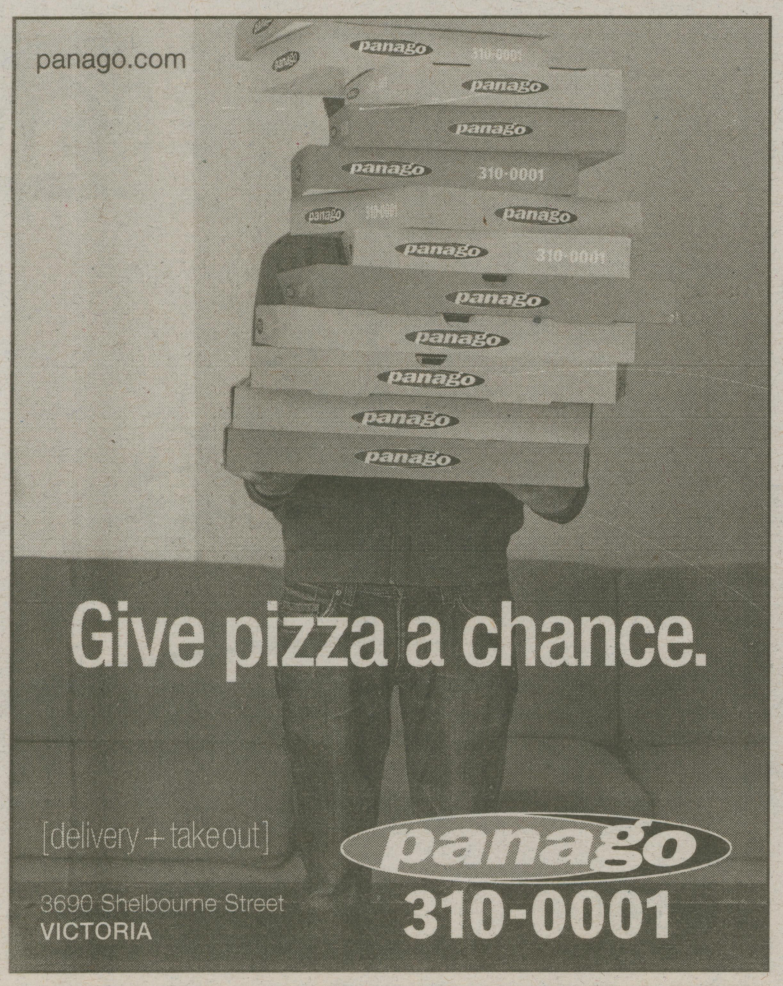
The name was also partially inspired by the Blue Bottle, one of the first coffee shops in Europe. The Blue Bottle is a type of jellyfish. Crothall adopted the idea of a colour followed by an animal as a name for his lounge as a homage to both his family and the history of the coffee shop.

In an effort to keep his business conscientious, Crothall looked into "ethical" coffee beans. Later this year he's taking a few managers to South America and visiting farms personally. He wants to ensure the protection of workers' rights and that the farms are environmentally sound.

"We're going to be one step removed from the farm, and that's not something a lot of coffee shops can say," Crothall said.

Crothall is doing his part to stay green, too. Almost all of the Stilt's cutlery and take-away items are corn-based and compostable. The store is nearly carbon-neutral.

The shop's reputation as a community minded, environmentally conscious business has served it well. Its popularity led to a new location at 1769 Fort street, which opened this past summer.



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UVic hosts CIS championships

Nathan Lowther

UVic is set to host the highest calibre of university sport this week: the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) women's field hockey national championships. The five-team tournament will be played from Oct. 30 to Nov. 2.

The first three days see teams face each other in a round robin, which determines who plays in the gold and bronze medal matches on Sunday. Here is a look at this year's contestants.

ANDREW SMITH PHOTO

UVic's midfielder Ali Lee was selected for the first team CIS All-Star squad for the fourth time in her career last week.

UVic Vikes' 2008 record was 6 wins, 4 losses, 2 draws and second in the Canada West conference. The 2007 CIS result was a bronze medal.

As the host squad, UVic automatically qualified for the CIS tournament this year and perhaps their qualification factored into their inconsistent season.

After starting the year with a sweep of three NCAA teams in southern California and three straight wins to open their Canada West conference play, the Vikes finished the season with a 3-4-2 record, including a five game stretch where they only managed one victory. Nonetheless, the Vikes handed UBC their only two losses of the season.

When things are clicking, the Vikes have proven they can beat just about anyone.

This year, if UVic has success it will be in large part due to their defence. The team boasts one of the top two-way players in the country in midfielder Ali Lee, who made her fourth consequetive first-team CIS All-Star team. It is Lee's final year of eligibility, and while she has piled up the individual accolades, she has no CIS title to her name. She is joined on the all-star roster by two Vikes defenders, Katie Tittler and Perri Espeseth.

With no scorer in the top 20 in the CIS this season, UVic needs this threesome and 2007 Rookie of the Year and All-Canadian goalkeeper Kaitlyn Williams to keep the ball out of their net to give them a chance at their first title since 2002. For a team that won five national titles in the 1990s, a title has been a long time coming.

University of British Columbia Thunderbirds. The 2008 record: 8-2-2, first in Canada West. The 2007 CIS results: no medal.

Having won their fifth Canada West championship in the past six seasons, UBC brings a veteran team across the Strait, with 10 players in either their fourth or fifth season.

This year's team has good balance, boasting the top three goal-scorers in the Canada West and the fewest goals against. The Thunderbirds have won six CIS titles since 1998, including three of the past five, and have won more national championships than any other school. However, 2007 was the first time since 2000 that UBC failed to reach the podium when UVic beat them in the bronze medal game.

The T-birds have three all-stars: Laura Dowling, Tyla Flexman and Katie MacPherson. That doesn't include their top two goal-scorers, Victoria Pearson with nine, and Elise Milosevich with eight. Flexman didn't score a single goal this season but was named Canada West's Player of the Year.

University of Alberta Pandas. The 2008 record: 3-5-4, third in Canada West. The 2007 CIS results: didn't qualify for tournament.

Alberta benefits from UVic hosting the nationals this season, as three of four Canada West teams qualify for the tournament.

With the Pandas being the only team under .500 to make it, the odds are stacked against them. They simply do not bring the pedigree that their conference brethren do, with UBC and UVic being arguably the two top programs in the country over the past 25 years. With that said, they have won the nationals as recently as 2005.

Alberta has struggled on offence this season, only managing 11 goals in 12 games. They gave up twice as many goals as they scored during the season. But they do have two all-stars on their squad in Bunny Hughes and Erin Mason, as well as the Canada West Rookie of the Year, defender Jackie Trautman. They should be coming in confident though, after tying UBC in the final game of their season, and going 2-1-1 against UVic, with the loss coming in the first game they played against the Vikes.

University of Toronto Varsity Blues. The 2008 record: 12-0-2, first in Ontario University Athletics (OUA). The 2007 CIS results: defending champs.

Toronto went undefeated this season and are looking to defend their 2007 CIS title.

Last year, they had the luxury of hosting the tournament, while this year they have to travel across the country. Toronto's 2007 victory was the first time since 1996 that the CIS champion was not from the Canada West conference.

The Blues are led by Cailie O'Hara, the five-time all-star who was named OUA Player of the Year for the second straight year. She is joined on the first all-star team by Kristen Shier and Kaelan Watson. Rianna Sterk led the team in scoring, netting 12 goals thise season for the high-octane Blues, who scored 61 goals during regular season play.

Toronto is looking to win their first back-to-back national championships since 1985-1986.

University of Guelph Gryphons. The 2008 record: 10-1-3, 2nd in OUA. The 2007 CIS results: silver medal.

Last year, Guelph came one win away from claiming their first CIS title when they lost to Toronto in the gold medal game.

Despite the fact that they won the OUA title, they were unable to defend when the Blues beat them in the OUA championship game earlier in October.

The Gryphons are stronger than ever, however, entering the 2008 tournament as the highest scoring team in the country, scoring a team record 65 goals in 14 games.

Guelph also brings the most first-team all-stars to the tournament. Jessalyn Walkey, Angela Lancaster, Brienne Stairs and Kristine Wishart all got the all-star nod for 2008. Stairs and Wishart were the top two goal-scorers in the CIS with a combined 36 goals, and Walkey was named OUA Rookie of the Year.

If Guelph can take advantage of UVic's fast Field Hockey Pitch, they have the guns to shoot down their first national championship. The bronze medal match takes place Nov. 2 at 10 a.m. at UVic's Field Hockey Pitch, with the gold medal match following at 1 p.m. For the complete round-robin schedule, check out the CIS website, at www.cisport.ca.

SANDRA MINARIK PHOTO

The Salmon Kings lost the three-game series to Stockton Thunder 2-1.

Thunder crashes home opener

Philippe Granger

Canucks prospect Dan Gendur was in fine form Friday night, Oct. 24, as he scored and added an assist to the Victoria Salmon Kings home opener.

The Stockton Thunder upset the home crowd with a 5-2 win over the Salmon Kings in the first game of a three leg series.

Stockton opened the scoring 2:37 into the first period. Subsequently, Victoria's captain Wes Goldie tied it up on the power-play with his second goal of the season with 2:41 left in the first.

Both teams exchanged goals through the first two periods to make it 2-2, but from 12:43 of the second period onward, Stockton scored three unanswered goals to run away with the victory.

Salmon Kings head coach Mark Morrison was unimpressed with his team's performance.

"We [had] some bodies in here that didn't put the effort in and it's a team game you know; everybody needs to be going," said Morrison, who was pleased with some aspects of his side's performance. "Our energy level [was] good ... we just have to channel it the right way."

Captain Wes Goldie acknowledged the need for improvements after his side's performance.

"We were really working hard out there," Goldie said. "We need to turn our attention to the smarter plays and I think we'll be fine."

Victoria went one for five on the powerplay while Stockton ended with two for eight. Both teams ended the game with 32 shots on goal.

Vancouver native Dan Gendur scored his first goal of the season and added an assist before getting ejected from the game. He delivered a cross-check near the end of the second period that resulted in a game misconduct and a cross-checking five-minute major penalty. A scrap between defensemen Ryan Constant of the Thunder and Matt Kelly of the Salmon Kings ensued shortly after. Both danced for what felt like an eternity while exchanging heavy blows before the linesmen intervened.

Gendur played minor hockey at the Ian Stuart Complex before working his way up to the Everett Silvertips of the Western Hockey League (WHL) where he was noticed by the Vancouver Canucks. They then drafted him in the seventh round, 206th in 2007.

After a positive training camp with Vancouver earlier this fall, he came up short of making the Canucks' opening roster and was sent to Victoria to develop his game.

The Save On Foods Memorial Centre was filled with over 6,600 fans in attendance to witness the home opener.

"It was definitely nice to see the enthusiasm with the fans," Goldie added after the game.

The Salmon Kings were able to rebound Saturday night with a 5-2 win over Stockton, but lost Sunday's matinee match by a score of 3-1.

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UVic's win over Velox sets up battle for VIRU top seed

Andrew Smith

A young UVic squad was extremely underestimated on Saturday, Oct. 25, as the battle of Gordon Head saw them face off against the Valhallians on Velox Field. The young squad of UVic call-ups was able to grind out a 29-10 victory in a fight for the VIRU second-place standing.

Vikes Coach Rick Farrally filled in for Doug Tate, and said the odds were against his side going into the match.

"We have guys away, we have a few guys sick, a few guys injured and a few guys travelling [to Europe for the Canada 15's tour]," Farrally said. "That's not to excuse anything, but we just have to juggle the lineup a bit."

Velox was also without the likes of their stars Bryn Keys and Mike Pletch, out for national duty, as the Valhallians were stunned by a more energetic UVic side.

The Vikes overwhelmed the home side with well supported runs and strong forward play as they were forced to play a more compact game on Velox's narrow field.

UVic flanker Dave Moonlight was the first to score as he burst through an opening at a ruck breakdown. Full back Thomas Brodie converted to make the score line 7-0.

Moonlight was at it again soon after as his powerful run saw Velox tacklers fall left and right as to put his side up 12-0. UVic held steady and easily took control of the match from that point on.

Velox's Allen Hall looked to inspire his side's lackluster performance with a try. Vikes Kyle Buckley crushed any chance of Velox gaining momentum, however, as he touched down shortly after to make it 17-5 for UVic.

The opening minutes of the second half appeared to be a different story as Velox came out with full force and began to establish themselves in the forward play. With the sin-binning of UVic second-row Mike Mackay, Velox now had an extra man on the offense.

Several runs down the narrow field featured 3-on-2 plays in Velox's favour. Unfortunately for the home fans, Velox's own mistakes were the culprits of their loss.

Several passes were thrown out of bounds and successful phases of pick and run play diminished into drop balls and turnovers.

It wasn't long before UVic rallied behind a strong performance of their forward pack and the crunching tackles by flanker Dave Moonlight.

After connecting with a precise grubber, UVic's Gordie Sawers set up Mike Berg's try before Kyle Buckley broke through the Valhallians' defence for a score of 29-5.

In the dying minutes of the match, Velox linked several strong phases as their forwards barreled over for a try bringing the final score to 29-5 for UVic.

UVic coach Rick Farrally was pleased with his side's ability to generate offensive plays.

"It's a narrow field and it's tough to play here because they can line up across it and they play well defensively," Farrally said. He felt his side's performance was due to the support and strength of his younger side.

"We're fitter; that showed in the end," he added.

The UVic victory coupled with a James Bay 10-3 win against the Cowichan Piggies now sets up a battle between the VIRU first and second place teams.

The Vikes will once again have to rally behind their young call-ups as they face a difficult battle heading to MacDonald Park for a first-place challenge.

ANDREW SMITH PHOTO

UVic scrum half Adam Jourbert was hit hard at Saturday's match.

Men's basketball to host SFU Clan

Eric Hertz

The UVic men's basketball team is looking forward to hosting their home opener on Friday, Oct. 31.

In their first two exhibition games, the Vikes played impressively against their NCAA competition, the Pacific Tigers. They lost the first game by five, and then lost on a buzzer beater in the second game.

With two wins against Bishop's and then Laval, UVic matched up against the top-ranked Carleton Ravens. The Vikes held strong as they took a one-point lead into the fourth quarter, but were unable to hold on, eventually losing 73-64.

The Vikes regular season started off well, beating the University of Alberta on their home floor 78-69, then looked strong in a comeback against the Saskatchewan Huskies. Coach Beaucamp said their defence has been a large factor so far.

"Defence will always be a cornerstone of our team," he said.

The Vikes have led the Canada West division in points allowed per game for four years as they attempt to make this year their fifth.

Last year, the Vikes defence allowed 10 points per game — less than the league average; only 65.8 points per game. Their ability to maintain a steady defence was impressive considering they had lost their five starting players from the season before.

This year is a different story, however, as the Vikes only lost two players in the off season due to graduation, and will have the experience of playing one full season together. Fifth-year seniors Tyler Hass and Mitch Gudgeon will be looked upon to lead the Vikes. Hass, a conference All-Star and former Defensive Player of the Year, has been an all-around contributor to the team this year. Gudgeon, a gutsy low-post scorer, led the Vikes in scoring last year and the Vikes will look to him again this year for clutch baskets.

Ryan McKinnon was named to the CIS All-Rookie team in 2007-2008 and will be looked upon to take on an even greater role this season.

The Vikes open their season on Friday night, Oct. 31, against SFU. The game starts at 8 p.m. UVic will have to face some heavy teams in pursuit of the championship title.

UBC Thunderbirds

The Thunderbirds are once again looking strong after taking last year's Canada West title, with each of their key players returning from last year. UBC has a trio of fifth-year impact players including Chris Dyck, who scored an average of 18.4 points per game last year on a balanced T-Birds squad. Former Vikes player Josh Whyte joins UBC this year and will look to make his mark in a crowded backcourt.

Trinity Western Spartans

Trinity Western is a team on the rise. They have a new head coach and former Vikes Jacob Doerkesen to anchor the attack. Doerksen, who led the Vikes in scoring in his rookie year, has played impressively for the Spartans. Including pre-season games, he is averaging 27.4 points per game and an average of 8.6 rebounds. Brian Banman, a fifth-year guard, has also played well for Trinity. The Spartans will have to step up on defence to improve on last year's 4-24 record.

UVic to take on tough SFU

Eric Hertz

The women's UVic basketball team will play its first home game of the season this Friday, at 6 p.m.

In the pre-season Darcel Wright Memorial Tournament, the Vikes had a strong showing, finishing 2-1. Kayla Dykstra led the way for the Vikes, averaging 19.3 points per game and 12.3 rebounds on her way to being named the tournament All-Star. The Vikes will be looking to rebound after opening the regular season 0-2, with a road loss to the Alberta Pandas in a defensive battle, and a heartbreaking two-point loss to the University of Saskatchewan.

With the graduation of All-Canadian Ryan McKay and her average of 18.3 points per game, the Vikes will look to Kayla Dykstra to put the points on the board. Dykstra, led the league in the shooting percentage in 2007-2008, shooting nearly 60 per cent from the field. She also averaged 12.6 points and 7.3 rebounds per game. She is in top form after scoring a career high 25 points in the regular season opener. Ashley Yee is another player who the Vikes will have their home opener against the 2007-2008 top-ranked team in the nation, the Simon Fraser Clan.

SFU Clan

The Clan will be the team to beat this year as they look to make up for their early first round exit last year. The Clan may be the deepest team in the CIS in terms of quality players on their bench, even though CIS MVP Lani Gibbons graduated and Kate Hole has been injured for part of the season. The Clan has added no new recruits this year, but is building from the inside out, replacing Gibbons with fourth-year guard Lisa Tindle. Tindle had a disappointing season last year coming off an injury, and hopes to reach her full potential this season.

The position left open by Kate Hole's injury could be filled by a number of the Clan's talented post players. Watching rivals UBC take home the CIS championship will light a fire under this veteran team.

UBC Thunderbirds

After being crowned the CIS Champions last year, the Thunderbirds will have a far different look this year after losing three of their five starters. The three graduated players combined for 48 points in their championship game. Graduate Erica McGuiness was their lead scorer, championship MVP, All-Star and Canada West Defensive Player of the Year.

The Thunderbirds add six rookies this year and still boast one of the premier post players in the division, Leanne Evans. Evans nearly averaged a double-double last year, and added 2.4 blocks. The loss of the three veterans may be too difficult to overcome, and this may be the Vikes' year to overtake the Thunderbirds.

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Vikes slip in final match

Kristi Sipes

Despite a solid performance against the UBC Thunderbirds on Saturday, Oct. 25, the Vikes' effort resulted in a 1-0 loss.

The Vikes (10-3-1) will still finish the regular season on top of the Canada West standings as they gear up to host the division championships at Centennial Stadium this weekend.

The Vikes held possession for most of the opening minutes of the game. Forward Janelle Smith took a long pass from the right side and beat the Thunderbirds' goalie, but missed just wide of the net.

UVic's defence was solid throughout the game and managed to keep the Thunderbirds from capitalizing on their free kicks.

Vikes goalkeeper Stephanie Park was able to hold off several UBC attacks. Parker was tested by a high shot and responded well by punching the ball over the crossbar.

Minutes later, Smith was on the receiving end of a hard tackle that earned Thunderbirds' midfielder Carmen Lindsay a yellow card. The first half ended 0-0.

The Vikes offense immediately resumed their efforts in the second half, with forward Moira Hood forcing the UBC goalie to save her free kick from the top of the box.

The solitary goal of the match came after a UBC throw-in deep in Vikes' territory, a fluky own goal that slipped past Parker in the 63rd minute of play.

It was a disappointing shift in momentum, but the Vikes didn't allow the goal to deflate them. Substitute Tessa Margetts came off the bench with intensity, and pressured UBC's net with a nice header.

In the backfield, UVic's Shayla Behrens cleared a UBC attack soon after, and Holly Fiddick also defended well.

David reflected on her team's performance after the match.

"I didn't feel that we should have lost the game today," she said. "But credit to UBC, they needed the win to keep their chances of being in second alive, and they came out and they did it."

The Vikes play their first game of the Canada West Tournament on Saturday, Nov. 1, at noon, against the winner of Thursday's quarterfinals. Trinity Western, the host of the CIS national tournament, will play the other quarterfinal winner on Saturday at 2:15 p.m.

The championship match will kick off at 2:15 pm on Satuday. The Vikes need to win this weekend's tournament to earn the remaining open spot in the national tournament, as host Trinity Western qualfies automatically.

"We're looking forward to [the tournament] — it's going to be exciting. I'm pleased we're hosting," said David.

SANDRA MINARIK PHOTO

Vikes Jeff Hagen attacks against UBC as the two teams battled it out for the regular season division title.

Vikes steal top seed from UBC

Kristi Sipes

The Vikes' much-anticipated match against the UBC Thunderbirds on Saturday, Oct. 25, did not disappoint as UVic was able to pull away with a 1-0 victory, earning the right to host the Canada West Championships.

The Vikes clinched the Canada West regular season title on a spectacular goal from midfielder Sam Wingham in the 90th minute. After a scramble for the ball in the UBC penalty box, Wingham hit a great shot across the goal and into the top corner past the diving goalkeeper. The loss was the Thunderbirds' first of the 2008 season.

The Vikes (9-3-2) split their two games against number-two UBC (8-1-5) this season.

Head coach Bruce Wilson explained how the Vikes earned the regular season title after the match.

"We ended up tied with UBC on points," Wilson said, "but the tie-breaking procedure is [based on] goal difference, and we ended up four goals ahead of them."

The match was flavoured with intensity from the opening whistle.

While UBC could have settled for a tie to win the conference, the Vikes knew they needed a win to host the Canada West tournament this weekend. Both teams played hard for the entire match, with each team getting numerous scoring chances. A shot by UBC 10 minutes into the game went off the goalpost.

The goalkeepers kept the game tight, with excellent play on both sides. Vikes goalie Dan Kilpatrick had his self-described "best game of the season," succeeding to keep the Vikes alive, including the stop of a point-blank shot from inside his box in the 67th minute. The shutout was Kilpatrick's fifth of the season.

The Vikes had early scoring chances that were thwarted by the UBC goalkeeper, including a takeaway by forward Cole McFarlane for a breakaway in the first half, and a chance for forward Jordie Oberg soon after. UBC midfielder Ryan Reynolds also created opportunities for his team, but to no avail with Kilpatrick protecting the Vikes' net.

The Thunderbirds' best scoring chance was in the first half on an indirect free kick inside the Vikes' penalty box. Reynolds' shot off the was blocked by the chest of a Vikes player, as they had all lined the goal mouth to help Kilpatrick protect it.

The second half began with UBC being awarded numerous free kicks. In the 51st minute, Vikes defender Sean Glanville received a yellow card for a rough tackle, but the Vikes were able to settle down and regained their rhythm.

Late in the game, Wingham cleared a UBC cross from the Vikes box with a nice header. Shortly after, Kilpatrick sparked a Vikes counterattack with a long punt, which forward Kyle Kostis passed to Oberg, whose shot narrowly missed.

Kilpatrick commented on UVic's win after the match.

"That's a fantastic game to end on going into playoffs," he said. "It gives us all the momentum we need. Now the next goal is to make nationals — hopefully come in first in Canada West — and win it."

The Canada West tournament begins on Friday, Oct. 31, with UBC facing Trinity Western at 5 p.m., and the Vikes taking on Alberta at 7:15 p.m. The finals are on Saturday, with the third-place game at 5pm and the championship at 7:15 p.m. The top two finalists will head to Ottawa for the CIS national championships the following weekend.

UVic men's lacrosse club holds perfect 4-0 record

Jin Mullen

The new UVic lacrosse club faced off against the Victoria lacrosse club Sunday, Oct. 26, and increased their winning streak to 4-0.

The ferocity and complexion of the game was characterized by frequent clashing and butting of heads in competition for the ball. This fast paced game took off immediately with the UVic team leading with six goals in the first quarter.

The referees had a tough match to officiate, as there were numerous aggressive plays that needed their attention. Bodies often sprawled across the field in fights for possession, and proved entertaining.

The Victoria lacrosse club staged a comeback, however, with a speedy offense that kept the game close. It was a battle of will-power with every control over the ball contested by the opposition. UVic club president Brian Potter spoke of his team's season after the match.

"The other team played really well," Potter said. "In my opinion we should be defeating a team like that by at least 10 goals, but they held in there and made it a close game. We still have not developed team chemistry but we are working at it day by day."

The team's training consists of three days a week every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Last night their hard work in practices seemed to have paid off as they dominated much of the first quarter. With fast passing and darted movements, the efficiency of the team seemed synchronous.

Brian Potter further emphasized how new the program is to UVic after the match.

"I think we have a lot of room for improvement," he said. "We have ton[s] of work ahead of us."

The UVic lacrosse club plays their next match this Sunday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m. For further information please contact lacrosse@uvic.ca.

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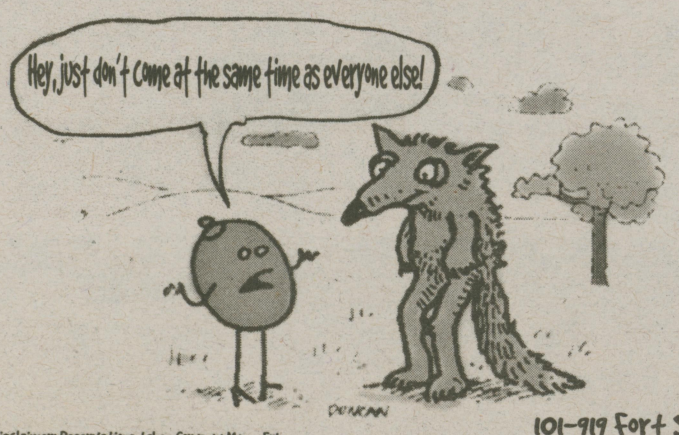

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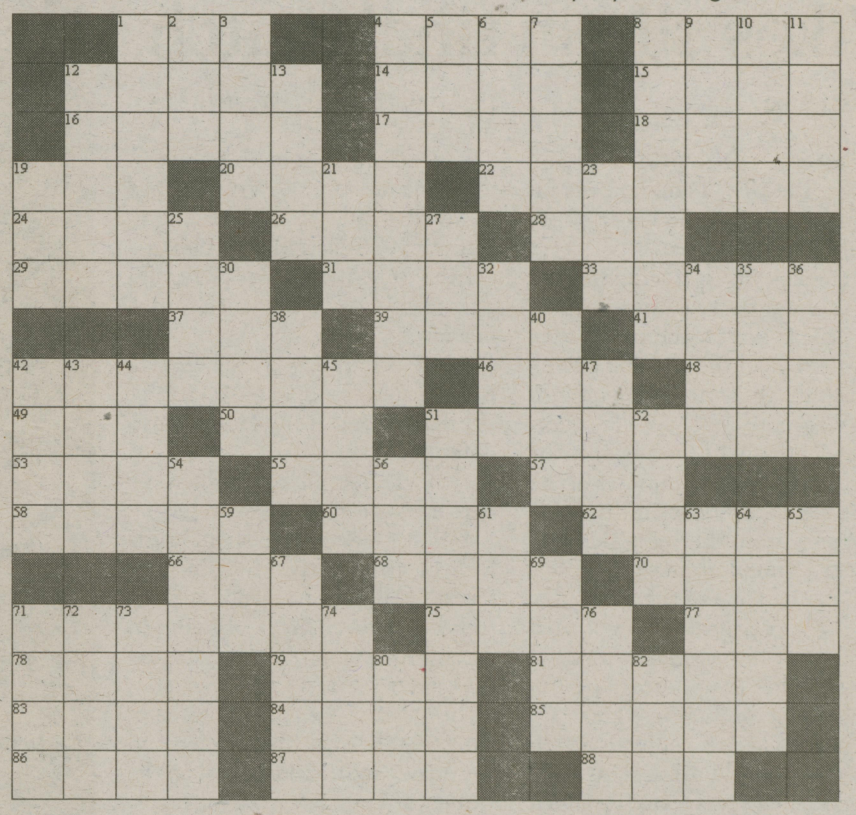

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7 - 8:30 p.m.
MacLaurin Building, A144
Dr. John F. Helliwell Department of Economics, UBC "What Can We Learn About Life from the Science of Well-Being?"
Fee: Free
Info: Lori Cretney
lcretney@uvic.ca

FRIDAY, OCT. 31

The Fruits of a Gentle Madness: the enduring nature of the book and the relationship between collectors and libraries
12 - 1 p.m.
McPherson Library, 210
Mr. Basbanes has been called a "leading authority of books about books" and "America's foremost spokesman on books, collecting and the issues facing the printed word in the 21st century."
Fee: Free
Info: Wendie McHenry
wmchenry@uvic.ca

SATURDAY, NOV. 1

Women's Rugby
11:30 a.m.
Wallace Field
Velox vs. UVic.
Fee: UVic Students Free
Info: Mike Tucker
250-721-8725
vikes@uvic.ca

Men's Rugby
2:45 p.m.
Velox Field
Velox vs. UVic.
Fee: UVic Students Free
Info: Mike Tucker
250-721-8725
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MONDAY, NOV. 3

Peer-Helping Coffeehouse
4 - 6 p.m.
Clearihue Building, D131
The drop-in coffeehouse features free (and no-strings-attached) beverages and refreshments. Organized by the Peer-Helping Program, this is a space for students to enjoy a break between classes and connect with one another.
Fee: Free
Info: Kathleen Hare
harek@uvic.ca

TUESDAY, NOV. 4

Promoting Institution Building and Human Rights
12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Fraser Building, 205
This is a symposium on development with the following speakers: Isabel Lloyd, Governance Specialist and CAPI Associate; Gordon Longmuir, Consultant, CAPI Associate and former Ambassador to Cambodia; Peter Hoffman, Consultant, Geospatial Salasan; Stacey Lambert, Former CAPI Intern, Cambodia.
Fee: Free
Info: 250-721-7020
capi@uvic.ca

Career Conversations 2008: What Can I Do with a Degree in Business?
5:30 - 7 p.m.
Social Sciences and Math Building, A110
Hear from UVic Business alumni who will share their experiences in making the transition from university to work.
Fee: Free
Info: 250-721-8421
careers@uvic.ca

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5

Kaddish, Narrative and the Jewish Understanding of Death
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Engineering/Computer Science Building, 124
This talk will explore a variety of representations of Kaddish in postwar novels and poetry in order to characterize the changing way that death is interpreted, confronted and evaded.
Fee: Free
Info: 250-721-6325
csrs@uvic.ca

LIVE CONCERTS

THURSDAY, OCT. 30

Emotionz, Swagger Jones, Zes Nomis, Pocket Kings, Gemini Minds, Deps @ Barcode
10 p.m. - 2 a.m., doors at 9 p.m.
Hip-Hop Jump off to the Halloween long weekend. Prizes for best costumes, best male costumes, best female costumes, skimpiest female costumes, and more.
Fee: $15

Trouble at the Lighthouse @ Evolution
9 p.m. - 2 a.m.
Tickets available at Old School Tattoos. (No Minors).
Fee: $9 at the door
$7 in advance

Walrus, seven year old poets, Jay Dunphy, Chelsea Wakelyn @ Logan's Pub
10 p.m. - 1 a.m., doors at 9 p.m.
Benefit for james 'Yeti' Woods. (No Minors).
Fee: $7

DJ Longshanks, Kenzie, DJ Nil.O. vs. Soul Scorcher @ Lucky Bar
10 p.m.
Hosted by DJ Longshanks and weekly guest hosts, two guest DJs per week will show their skills, and you (along with an expert panel) get to be the judge. (No Minors).
Fee: $5

Linda Billings w/Wes Wraggett @ The Superior
7 - 10 p.m., doors at 5 p.m.
(All Ages).
Fee: $5 tip minimum suggested

One Night Band, Kiltlifters, Brave New Waves, The Easy Brothers @ The Upstairs Cabaret
9:30 p.m. - 2 a.m., doors at 9 p.m.
Tickets available at Lyle's Place, Aces 'n' Spades, Ditch Records & CDs, ticketweb.ca. (No Minors).
Fee: $14.50 in advance

FRIDAY, OCT. 31

Nuvo Wavo @ Ambrosia Event Centre
9 p.m. - 12 a.m., doors at 7 p.m.
Nuvo Wavo's annual halloween party. Prizes for costumes, and tricks and treats. (No Minors).
Fee: $15

Devils Night Horde Of Anachron, Start with the Cobra, the Mags @ Logan's Pub
10 p.m. - 1 a.m., doors at 9 p.m.
Tickets available at Lyle's Place, ticketweb.ca, Sideshow, and Aces 'n' Spades. (No Minors).
Fee: $10 in advance + s/c

Cheesecake Burlesque Revue @ Lucky Bar
8:30 p.m., doors at 8 p.m.
The Cheesecake Burlesque Revue presents "Peek N Shriek." The show will be followed with performances by DJs BNGZ N KRLZ, Dreamboat, and Fatso. Tickets available at Lyle's Place or Lucky Bar. Tickets are valid all night (for the early show and the afterparty). (No Minors).
Fee: $15 at the door
$12 in advance

Superstar DJ Braeden, Dj Surgery, Caskethands, DJ Big Dubbz @ The Red Jacket
9 p.m. - 2 a.m.
Tickets available at Lyle's Place, Red Jacket. (No Minors).
Fee: $10 in advance

The Set, Counting Heartbeats, My Broken Hero, The Scarlet Vendetta @ Saanich Commonwealth Place
7 - 11 p.m., doors at 6:30 p.m.
Tickets available at Saanich Commonwealth Place. (All Ages).
Fee: $12 at the door
$10 in advance

Scary-oke Spectacular @ Soprano's
9 p.m. - 2 a.m., doors at Noon
As if karaoke isn't creepy enough, it gets real scary on Halloween. Prizes for best costumes! (No Minors).
Fee: $5 w/costume
$10 without

Lust, Haddonfield, Watermachine, Fag Enabler, Reaver @ Victoria Event Centre
7 - 10:30 p.m.
(All Ages).
Fee: $10 at the door

SATURDAY, NOV. 1

Battle of the Bands, Smart Bomb, The Blackoutz, Aegis Fang @ The Cambie at the Esquimalt Inn
9 p.m. - 1 a.m., doors at 8 p.m.
(No Minors).
Fee: $5

Lucky Budd & Pharis Patenaude @ Heckler's Bar & Grill
9:30 p.m. - 12 a.m., doors at 7 p.m.
The music won't be loud, but enjoyable. There are lots of seats, tables, high tables and even couches. (No Minors).
Fee: Free

Bloody Betty and the Deadly Sins, Musical guests: Brains! @ Lucky Bar
8:30 p.m., doors at 8 p.m.
Tickets are valid all night (for the early show and the afterparty). (No Minors).
Fee: $15 at the door
$12 in advance

Christine Fellows, Old Man Luedecke, Kim Barlow @ The Solstice Cafe
8 p.m., doors at 7:30 p.m.
(All Ages).
Fee: $18 at the door
$13 in advance

Jack on the Rocks @ Soprano's
9:15 p.m. - 1 a.m., doors at Noon
It's another Salmon Kings game afterparty! (No Minors).
Fee: Free with SK ticket stub or before 9pm, otherwise $6

Collie Buddz, Third Eye Tribe, Rise of the Revolution @ Sugar
10 p.m. - 2 a.m., doors at 9 p.m.
Tickets available at Lyle's Place, The Reef, Complex, Platinum Lounge, Fascinating Rhythms in Nanaimo & ticketweb.ca. (No Minors).
Fee: $25 in advance

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Syphilis on the rise in BC: Basic research to the rescue. Café Scientifique is an informal seminar series that provides an insight into health-related issues of popular interest to the general public. These seminars are opportunities for the public to meet local researchers and discuss some of the most interesting — and sometimes contentious — research currently underway in Canada. Beverages and appetizers are provided.
Date: Tuesday, 28 October 2008
Location: Swans Suite Hotel, Collard Room, 506 Pandora Avenue, Victoria
Time: 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. Cost: Free

Fall into something great! Follow your heart by offering hope, dignity and respect. Volunteer with us at the NEED Crisis & Information Line. Training starts Nov. 15. Next Information Session:
Tuesday, Oct. 28
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Drop by and check out short talks (15 min) on these and many other exciting topics. A schedule of talks and content summaries will be available on the Biology Department website @ http://web.uvic.ca/biology/.
David Strong Building, Room C 103
Nov 10 & Nov 12: 9am to 12am & 1pm to 4pm

Comics

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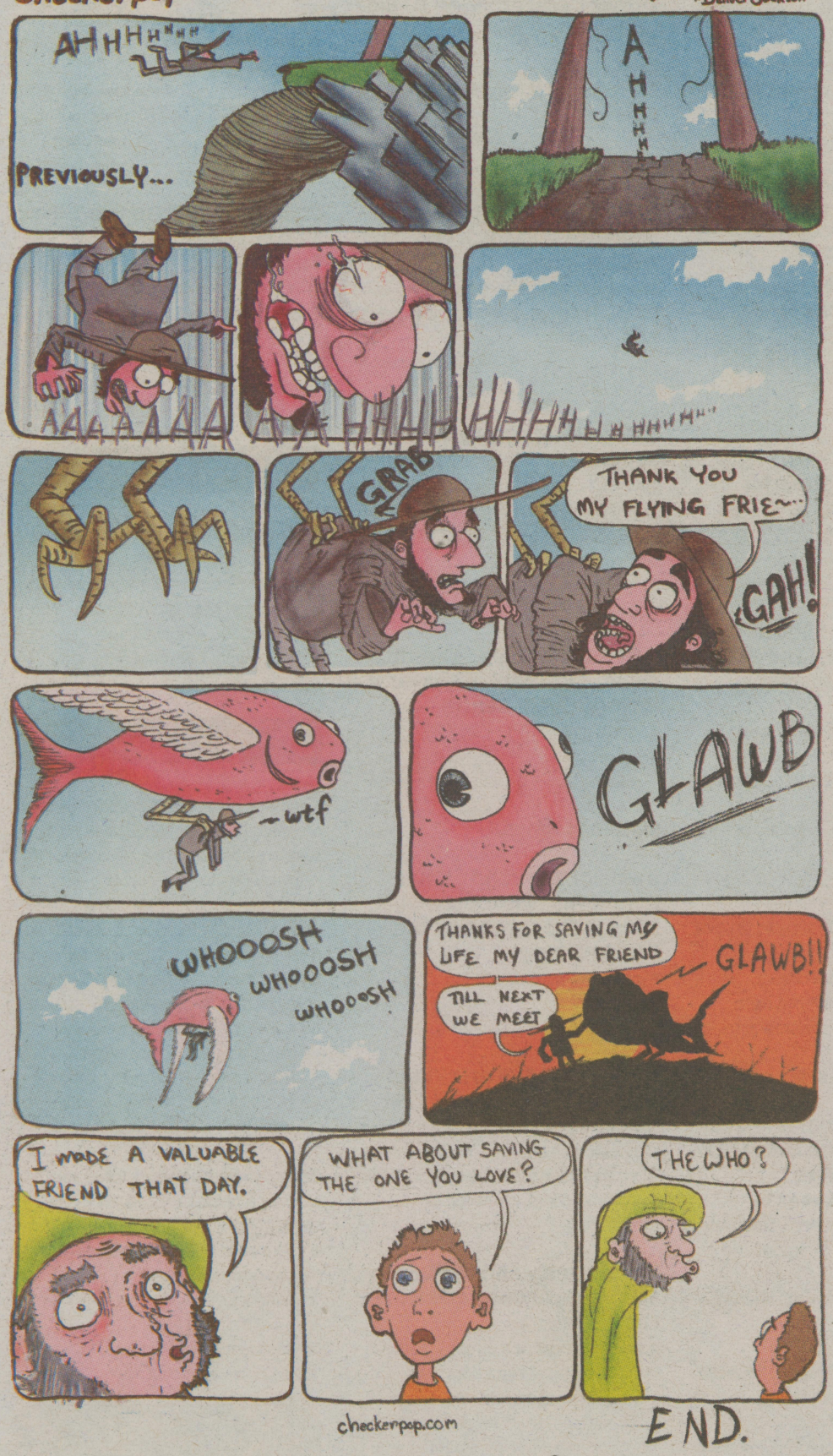
by Marc Junker & Denver Jackson



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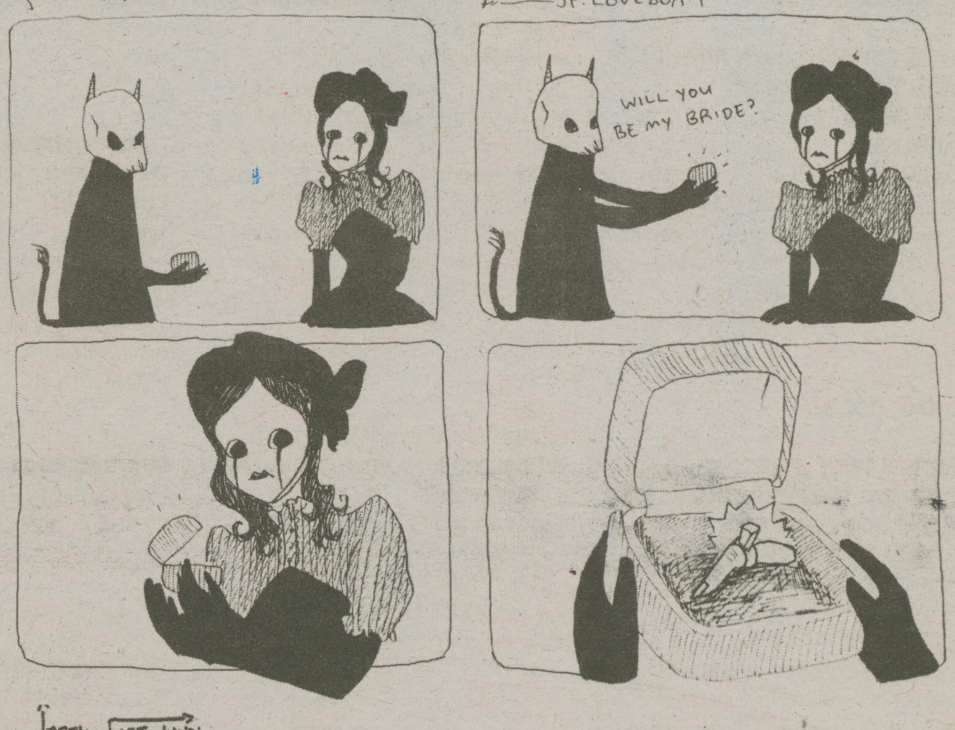
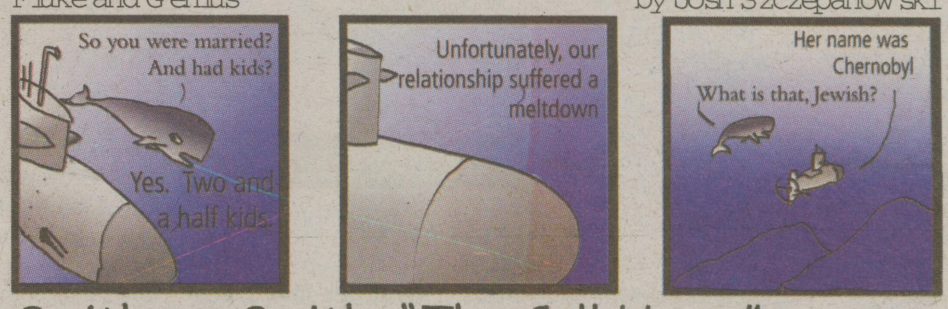


North-East Lynx

Whoa!
We've got to get candy from this house!
Aren't we a little old to be trick-or-treating?
I guess so. We could always join Shutsie at the dance...
THING 1
Hic Let's revert to our base instincts... *Hic*
Naaaagh... you're never too old to trick-or-treat, right?
PM 08

Fluke and Genius

by Josh Szczepanowski


So you were married? And had kids?
Yes. Two and a half kids.
Unfortunately, our relationship suffered a meltdown
Her name was Chernobyl
What is that, Jewish?

Smith vs. Smith: "The Call Home"

by Matt Smith

...Hello?
Stop paying your taxes!
Who is this?
Dad, it's me! I just saw this documentary online.
It says that taxes aren't constitutional. They can't MAKE you pay them!
2:00 AM
Think of how much money we'll save!
Ok, Felipe, I'm going to keep paying my taxes until I hear otherwise.
But keep me updated, ok?
I also read that 9-11 was an inside job.
Goodnight, son.
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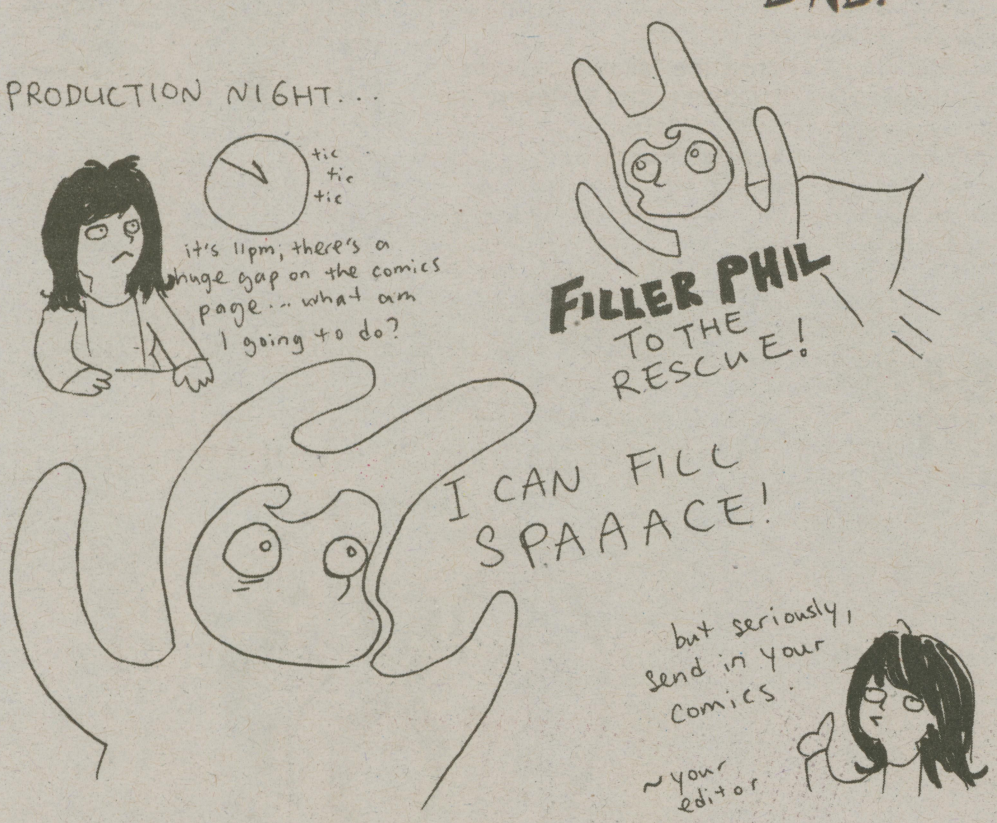
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FILLER PHIL TO THE RESCUE!
I CAN FILL SPAAACE!
but seriously, send in your comics.
~your editor

Writer's Block

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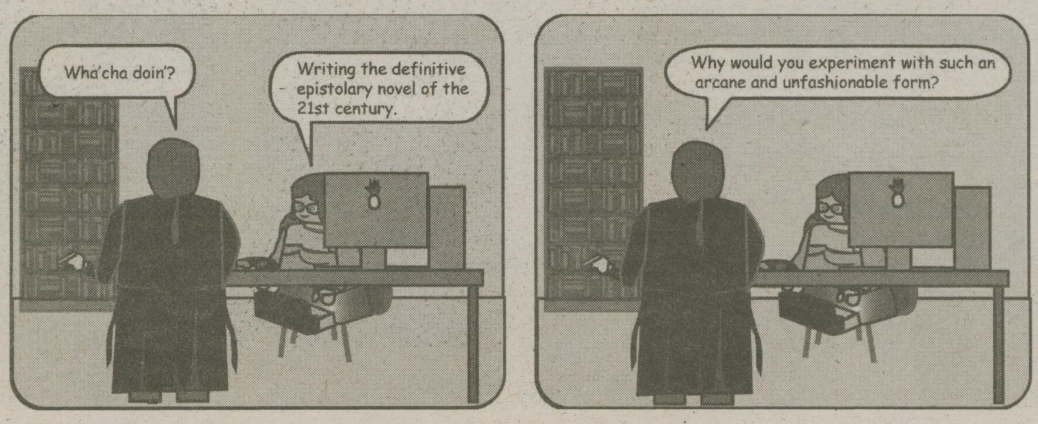
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